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In a report by the Crime Prevention Research Center, mass public shootings between 1998 and 2018 reported that 97.8 percent of incidents took place in gun-free zones. The FBI says that a mass shooting involves at least four people being shot. If a criminal sees that there are nothing but victims waiting for them (gun-free zone) they are going to move to full-on predator mode and attack helpless people. For example, the Greenwood Park Mall shooting where Elisjsha Dicken, a legally armed 22-year-old (by virtue of Indiana voting to become a Constitutional carry state, stopped a mass shooting. While Indiana was Constitutional carry, the mall has a policy of "no weapons". Had Eli not been following the laws of his state, who knows how many people would have been killed. Law enforcement hailed Eli as a hero, knowing full well they would not have been able to respond fast enough to save lives. Consider that those buying illegal drugs are criminals. Criminals find a way to accomplish their goals. If they want a firearm, they are not going to go through the legal process to purchase or the legal process to carry on their person in accordance with the laws of Maryland. LEGAL firearms owners are not the problem. Those that own illegally are and they should know that they are not welcome to do their heinous crimes as those who own legally will be there to

prevent such actions. I am against this bill and ask that my county representatives hear and follow the desires of their constituents.

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