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From my twenty-two years of experience in the Armed Forces, twelve of those as a Security/Law Enforcement Specialist guarding and protecting some of our nation's most sensitive areas/personnel. The proposed bill will not deter or curve crime and provides no means or plans to enforce it. In fact, it may very well do more harm than good. Mass shooting events and terrorist targets center around areas where the public gathers, the public is not allowed to possess firearms (it is easy to identify and neutralize armed/unarmed uniformed personnel) and will draw media attention. If this bill passes you will have in one stroke increased the threat level of these facilities/premises, workers, and patrons in a negative fashion. Because you have eliminated the unknown factor from the planning equation. It will cause second and third effects, on the hunting/tourism industry, businesses, and the community at large. For example, MD State Certified Hunter Education Instructors will find it harder if not impossible to teach classes, which I might add includes firearm safety training. Which will no doubt increase hunt/firearm accidents because the courses could not be provided at today's frequency. Even with the newly proposed one hundred feet, vs one hundred yards, you are making it hard to get to a firing range to legally maintain firearm proficiency or

prepare for the hunting season. One could not simply drive past the Court House, Government Building, Board of Elections, any school, or any Fire Station as this bill prevent a person from doing so. This bill would close off the only route out/back to my home, as I would have to go past EMS/Fire Station 12 or the Wade Elementary School. Several states have attempted to do a similar thing, some are being challenged in the courts or have lost. For example a federal judge on Monday ruled New Jersey did not have the “historical tradition” of regulating where a concealed carry permit can be used, much as you are now attempting to do.

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