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## Bill 2022-14 Weapons and Firearms Prohibited on County-Owned or Operated Property

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# Comment

Hello. This bill will exempt members of the Board who hold a carry permit, but not average citizens who hold the same permit and who are also fingerprinted and vetted by the Maryland State Police. As a Charles County resident I would appreciate commissioners not considering bills that afford them privileges not extended to other law-abiding county residents. It also does not exempt the publicly accessible parking areas of these county buildings or the roads and private properties that are within these 100 yard zones. As a result, law-abiding citizens will have to leave their firearms at home or park further away from the places where they intend to do business, and be left defenseless the whole time. They may also inadvertently break the law by walking or driving into these unmarked areas. This bill is not about public safety. It does not require the county to guarantee the security of the citizens who will be disarmed. There are no mentions of any active measures to prevent armed criminals from ignoring such arbitrary "gun-free zones," such as metal detectors, increased police presence, or gated parking areas. This bill will not do anything to prevent criminals from breaking the law and commiting crimes with firearms. It will only prevent law-abiding, legitimate concealed carry permit holders from having the ability to defend themselves and their loved

ones. Please vote AGAINST this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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