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As a Maryland approved Handgun Carry Permit (HCP) holder, I am appalled that under this bill, I would not be entitled to the same freedoms and privileges as the County Commissioners have to carry my legal firearm to protect myself and my families on County owned properties. HCP holders have met the same stringent requirements as the County Commissioners and I see no reason why the Commissioners should have privileges the Maryland State Handgun Permit Holders are denied. Also this bill is poorly written and the authors surely did not put much thought into this bill. As this bill is written, it would be against the law for anyone to carry a firearm arm on a county road. How would hunters, trappers, target shooters, and legal HCP holders be able to travel to any destinations if they live on or have to use a county road? If it would be against the law for anyone to carry a firearm within 100 yards of a Charles County, anyone who is legally carrying a firearm and drives on state highways pass schools such as Piccowaxen Middle School, Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary, T. C. Martin Elementary or Malcolm Elementary Schools, would be in violation of this poorly through regulation. Another point is if this vague poorly written unconstitutional bill is passed, it surely will be tried in the courts and the taxpayers of Charles County will have to foot the bill trying to defend this bill which the courts will no doubt

overturn. Another point I would like to make, with all the laws that are currently on the books, and all the laws regarding the use of firearms that are on the books, why or what makes the County Commissioners think this law would have any affect on anybody determined to cause mayhem on county property? But if passed it will deny honest law-abiding citizens thier right to self protection. And will make crimials out of law-abiding citizens when they just innocently drive by any school. I am adamantly opposed to this proposal. Do not pass stupid idea.

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