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Good Evening Commissioners of Charles County,

I respectfully request the hearing of the amended gun ban that transpired this morning be postponed a minimum of 7 business days so that the public has an opportunity to inspect the amended bill.

I respectfully do not support this gun ban in any fashion of the matter. I firmly believe it is unconstitutional for an individual to not be allowed to enforce their second amendment right. Furthermore, I strongly raise the question of what makes Charles County so unique that a ban must be created to "protect" citizens? An individual who has gone through the already out stepped procedures of obtaining a Wear and Carry permit is guaranteed to be a far less criminal than one who obtains a firearm illegally from the streets. Furthermore, such a restriction directly impacts existing business owners who obtained their permit well before the supreme court ruling. This is a complete overstep of power to set specifications; the public may not bear arms, but the commissioners of the county can do so. Another note to add, recently last week Alabama became the 25th state in the county to be deemed constitutional wear and carry. Statistically, a population armed is far safer than a population left to rely on the police.

The last point to emphasize is if this measure is to "make the county safer" by reducing law abiding citizens their rights, what is being done to hold those who actually break the law to stay in jail and not releasing them back to the street or "slapping their wrists." A notorious action done by Charles County.

I again respectfully decline and do not support the proposed gun bill for Charles County and respectfully request 7 days for the public to review the amended bill completed today.

Thank you for your time,

James