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RE: Bill 4-21, Weapons - Protection of Minors and Public Places - Restrictions against Ghost Guns and Undetectable Guns

As a life long resident of Montgomery County I ask for an unfavorable report on this legislation. Maryland law preempts any firearms laws our County Council passes. Montgomery County years ago passed a bill concerning purchase of firearms ammunition. I'm fairly certain the law passed was stricken in court on grounds of state preemption.

It's bad enough that our country is a patchwork of firearms regulations state by state. It is nonsensical to extend that to a variety of intrastate firearms laws, county by county. The Maryland General Assembly has taken up the above issue and best left to that body to discuss, ponder and vote on.

The simplest reason to dismiss this, it will not solve anything remarkable the council believes it will. Federal, State and even Counties can come up with all the firearms restrictions they wish, but it's fairly intuitive that criminals are never stopped by them. Many firearms laws only create criminals of law abiding gun owners that can't keep up with more and more technical and tedious regulations.

When it comes to "Undetectable Guns", have yet to come across a legally owned firearm that cannot be detected. Federal law already requires a firearm must be detectable by metal detector or x-ray machine, so you're reinventing the wheel. Federal law allows anyone that can legally own a firearm, may manufacture their own for personal use. That should preempt any County law too.

Sincerely,

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