

## Testimony

As a resident of downtown Silver Spring who personally had a bullet enter my unit and be discovered on the couch where I had been laying just a few hours earlier, I am deeply concerned about the violence in the area. I am glad to see that some action is being taken to address the violence but I don't think this bill is going to be effective unless businesses are actually held responsible if their safety plan fails or isn't shown to prevent incidents. Responsibility has to be taken and businesses have to be held accountable or else we will not see any improvement because the businesses will not see themselves as having anything to do with the violence. It's also not clear from the bill how a safety plan would be assessed, what makes a good versus bad plan and how the police will be evaluating it.