

March '24 Testimony of Bob Stevens' of Gaithersburg against Bill 2-24 >>

First -- I urge the MoCo County Council to vote [NO] on this terrible bill.
Please see below support written Testimony statements:

In relation to Will Jawando's proposed Freedom to Leave Act (Bill 2-24), I, Bob Stevens of Gaithersburg, totally oppose Will's attempt to further degrade our safety as citizens living here in Moco by limiting even more police stops.. In light of more and more crime being committed in MoCo under the enactment of Elrich's Exec. Order 135-19 making MoCo a Sanctuary County for illegal aliens including Elrich's rules to not cooperate with ICE detainers against criminal illegal migrants living here in MoCo under Sanctuary Status with multiple law infractions here in MoCo, I am opposed to the approval or passing of Bill 2-24..

As a very recent case in point to make –

Earlier in February '24, a 2-year old was shot and killed in MoCo by a man just arrested in this killing and is a serial criminal illegal immigrant whom Elrich twice shielded from deportation. Nilson Granados-Trejo entered the country illegally a few years ago, and in late 2022, an immigration judge ordered him deported. He didn't leave.

In March of last year of '23, Montgomery County police arrested Granados-Trejo, and ICE tried again to have him deported. According to news reports, the county refused to cooperate with ICE, and thanks to Elrich, he stayed in the country.

Then, in September '23, the Montgomery County Police Department arrested him again and charged him with theft again. Once again, ICE tried to get its hands on him. Once again, due to Elrich's policies, ICE couldn't take the criminal illegal alien off the MoCo Streets.

Now, allegedly, Granados-Trejo was part of a drug-related shootout that resulted in Jeremy's death.

I also agree with those testifying against the bill in support of the following points:

- Anti-police measures lead to low police morale; low morale leads to lower recruitment numbers; and a lower number of sworn officers on the streets leads to less police service, which in turn leads to more crime.
- While supporters of the bill claim that consent searches rarely lead to the confiscation of illegal guns and drugs, any time guns and drugs are taken off the streets is a victory in the battle against crime.
- The most important role of government is to keep its citizens safe.

Further, instead of Jawando's Bill 2-24, I propose that a MoCo Council member, Council Member Katz possibly??, replace this 2-24 Bill by issuing instead a Freedom to Live Safely in MoCo Act or Bill X-24 to actually fund the MoCo Police Dept. in order to build up street presence for police patrolling and stops to make us all safer when moving around in MoCo.. Especially when Cannabis is detected, found, etc. during a police stop.. This leads to about 75% of ILLEGAL guns being taken off our MoCo streets..

So why does Will Jawando want to promote such a negative like Bill 2-24 to lessen safety in MoCo by protecting those criminals living here illegally?? Answer me that Mr. Jawando..

Again -- I ask the Council to please vote NO to this Bill 2-24.. Help us live a safer life in MoCo--

Respectfully >> Bob Stevens // Gaithersburg, Md..