



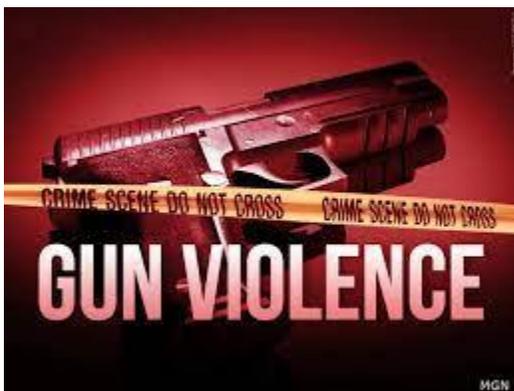
DALYA ATTAR DELEGATE, DISTRICT 41

REDUCING CRIME IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Dear Baltimore Community,

Violent crime continues to rise throughout the State of Maryland. This is unacceptable. Every person deserves to feel and be safe. Unfortunately, my constituents are reaching out to tell me that they do not feel safe in their own homes and communities.

Crime continues to devastate many families in my District, and it is my duty to find ways to combat this. As a prosecutor in Baltimore City, I continue to work to keep us all safe. As your representative in the Maryland General Assembly, I am not giving up, and I continue to fight for our safety.



REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

House Bill 211 - Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant

Within the last few weeks, four people were shot - three fatally - in one horrifying incident in Howard Park. My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to their loved ones and the entire community. This is one of many

disturbing incidents of gun violence taking place throughout my District and affecting all my constituents.

Unfortunately, people are selling handguns to prohibited individuals, who are then using these guns to perpetuate gun violence. I therefore filed House Bill 211, Criminal Procedure - Warrantless Arrest - Straw Purchase Participant, which would

allow law enforcement to arrest individuals who conduct straw purchases without a warrant.

I am proud to announce this bill passed the House of Delegates unanimously, and I look forward to its final passage in the Senate.

“I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside.”

- Whitney Houston

Confronting Youth Violence & Providing Appropriate Resources for Our Youth

House Bill 1276 - Baltimore City Youth Data Hub Establishment

Many young people in Baltimore City are receiving government services from multiple government agencies and nonprofits. These organizations collect data to better improve their services, however they cannot currently share the data that they collect.

This lack of information sharing prevents Baltimore City from equitably meeting the needs of its young people. I therefore filed House Bill 1276, Baltimore City Youth Data Hub Establishment, which would enable these agencies to be able to share data and tailor interventions and services appropriately.

This bill specifically establishes the Baltimore City Youth Data Hub for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, security, and well-being of youth and to improve equitable access to programs serving youth in the city. It also establishes procedures to safeguard the security and confidentiality of data.

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House Bill 1142 - Juvenile Offense Database

Several years ago, I worked as a prosecutor in the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center. It was an extremely emotional and eye-opening time in my career.

It became clear to me that we are doing wrong by our children. Day after day I would see children going in and out of the system – like a revolving door. Our children – our future – are coming out of the juvenile system worse than when they went in. We are NOT properly rehabilitating these children and many of them are therefore continuing to commit violent crimes in our neighborhoods.

There is a lack of transparency in the system. How are we to ensure our children are being rehabilitated if we are being kept in the dark? How are we to ensure we are doing everything possible to keep our communities safe if we are lacking the important information?

I therefore filed House Bill 1142, Juvenile Offense Database, which creates a database that provides a general description of any judicial or other action taken in relation to a juvenile alleged to have committed an offense. This bill specifically excludes any identifying information about the juvenile.

We must do right by our children. Transparency is crucial in the process. This bill did not move out of the House of Delegates, however, I look forward to continuing to work to reduce youth violence.



CONSTITUENT ASSISTANCE

Many constituents reach out to me for assistance and I have been able to help so many of you. Please continue to keep in touch and contact me for assistance.

My email is dalya.attar@house.state.md.us. I look forward to hearing from you.

Every constituent of mine, and all Marylanders, deserve to be safe, and I will continue to work on solutions to this violence so we can all live safely and peacefully.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you, and I look forward to continuing to work hard this session on behalf of all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

Delegate Dalya Attar