

Senate Bill 86 – FAVORABLE

Declaring hunting and fishing a right in the state of Maryland will help protect these activities for generations to come.

As a young boy my father and my uncles introduced me to hunting and fishing. I like my father have also introduced all three of my children and two of my grandchildren to the sports of the great outdoors.

Maryland has a vast amount of natural resources. From the mountains in Cumberland to the woods of the eastern shore we enjoy all types of hunting.

From Deep creek lake to the Chesapeake bay we have the pleasure of fishing, crabbing, waterfowl hunting and boating.

As a state we are blessed with the best natural resource sports.

Maryland prospers from the strong family bonds. One of the biggest problems in our society today is the broken home. The lack of two parents. Often times the lack of a father figure. Hunting and fishing has created strong family bonds and generations of memories. My grandson who is only 8 years old will gladly get up early in the morning to check the crab traps. He's learning the Benefits of rising early, working and having fun with pop pop. My daughter and granddaughter enjoy fishing. They will spend an entire day fishing with Dad and pop pop. My son and I enjoy time in the woods together working the land to be more attractive to deer. All of this gives us time together and we talk. That's huge.

Maryland will benefit from the manufacture and sale of license and equipment. Boat sales, fuel sales, marinas and slip rentals. Specialized clothing made for hunting , fishing or hiking. Anything sold in camo also adds additional revenue to the state funds through the Pittman Robertson act. It's big money, it's big family.

It's a heritage to be protected and handed down from one generation to another.

Thank you,
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