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To: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB 605 - Queen Anne's County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting

On behalf of our member families in Queen Anne's County, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 605, legislation expands Sunday hunting in Queen Anne's County by authorizing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow a person in Queen Anne's County to hunt any game bird or mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or mammal.

Crop damage created by deer is nearly \$50 per acre today. These numbers are even higher on the Eastern Shore. DNR reports show that more than 10% of the deer harvested this hunting season were done on Sundays. Opening Queen Anne's County to have these additional Sunday hunting dates will allow the hunters to help address the overpopulation of deer in Queen Anne's County.

MDFB Policy: We support statewide Sunday hunting on private lands.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 605 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

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