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To: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB 427 - Baltimore County - Hunting – Nongame Bird and Mammals

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 427, legislation that repeals a requirement that you must first purchase a hunting license before you can hunt or trap groundhogs in Baltimore County. Farmers continue to have troubles with groundhogs in their fields and barns. If passed, this bill would allow farmers in Baltimore County to follow the same requirements as farmers in every other county in the state.

Wildlife like groundhogs continue to cause crop and farm equipment damage on Maryland farms around the state. Only in Baltimore County does a farmer and their hired workers need a hunting license to be able to remove problem groundhogs around their farm. This bill cleans up an outdated law and conforms Baltimore County's law with all the other counties in the state that don't require a hunting license to remove groundhogs.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 427 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

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