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Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee House Environmental and Transportation Committee State House Annapolis MD

Dear Committee Members

I am writing in support of the passage of HB 51/SB140. The Bills will allow Talbot County to expand Sunday hunting opportunities for Deer and Turkey hunters.

I am a farmer and lifelong resident of Talbot County. We are farming in western Talbot County and we have been undergoing serious financial damage from deer browsing our crops for 40 years. The problem has never been greater than it is today. We are in serious need of hunting pressure to control a deer population that is absolutely out of control. It is very difficult for hunters, especially young hunters to be able to access the outdoors using weekdays and Saturdays only. I hope you all will support us and allow Sunday hunting.

Sincerely,

Ed Heikes