



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

## **Re: Support of HB 51 - Talbot County – Deer and Turkey Hunting – Sundays**

On behalf of our member families in Talbot County, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 51, legislation that allows hunters in Talbot County to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January. This would add Talbot to a list of counties that consists of Carroll, Dorchester, and Frederick County. The bill also allows hunters in Talbot County to hunt on each Sunday during the spring Turkey season. This adds Talbot to a list of counties that consists of Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, and Kent County.

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 Talbot County to have these additional Sunday hunting dates will allow the hunters to help address the overpopulation of deer in Talbot County.

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

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 51 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.**

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

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