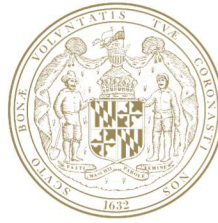


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March 5, 2026

The Honorable Jheanelle K. Wilkins
Chair, Ways & Means Committee
131 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark, and Honorable Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

On behalf of the Rural Caucus, we are writing to express our support for **HB175 Income Tax Credit – Venison Donations – Alterations**.

This bill would increase the limit on the amount of tax credits an individual could receive for donating venison meat they obtained through hunting to a local food bank. This tax credit increase would support rural communities by incentivizing hunting to combat the overpopulation of deer while increasing food in local food banks.

For these reasons, the Rural Caucus supports HB175 and requests a favorable report.

Thank you,

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Delegate Jefferson L. Ghrist
Co-Chair

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