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The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan  
Vice Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
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***Re: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 200 – Natural Resources –  
Organized Hunting Contests – Restriction***

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides the following information regarding SB 200.

This bill would prohibit a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in an organized contest involving the killing of coyote, fox, or raccoon for prizes or monetary rewards. Nuisance removal by landowners as well as dog training and performance competitions may not be construed to be a part of this new prohibition.

The department does not regulate furbearer hunting contests, but any event that involves coyote, fox, raccoon, and other furbearing species is subject to permitting requirements. The same permitting requirements also apply to dog training and field-trial activity. The department requires all events to comply with the seasons, bag limits and other laws and regulations, and has no role in determining if prizes or awards are offered in these events.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: The Honorable Ronald Young

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