



## MARYLAND VOTES FOR ANIMALS

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee  
From: Lisa Radov, President and Chairman, Maryland Votes for Animals, Inc.  
Re: Prohibition on Sale of Wildlife – Local Venison Donation Programs – Application – HB 594- Oppose.

Chairman Barve, Vice Chairman Stein, members of the Environment & Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before to you today. My name is Lisa Radov. I am the President and Chairman of Maryland Votes for Animals. Speaking for Maryland Votes for Animals, our Board of Directors, and our members across Maryland, I respectfully request that the Environment & Transportation Committee vote unfavorably on Prohibition on Sale of Wildlife – Local Venison Donation Programs – Application – HB 594.

While trying to address one problem, deer overpopulation, this bill creates others. It would commercialize deer hunting, something that is currently not allowed under Maryland Law as deer are considered a public resource. Harvesting deer as a commodity is not considered an acceptable form of wildlife management.

The problem of deer overpopulation cannot be conflated with the COVID crisis. It deserves its own task force to address this issue, which was occurring long before the pandemic.

We would request an unfavorable report for HB 594 by this committee.

*Let Kindness Reign, Vote Humane*

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