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Sponsor Testimony in Support of HB594
Prohibition on Sale of Wildlife-Local Venison Donation Programs-Application
Testimony by Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo
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HB594 is a bill that will enable a county to create a program to better incentivize venison sales from a lawfully harvested white-tailed deer. The program must be administered by the county where the deer was harvested, for distribution to a non-profit 501 (c)(3) food pantry or food bank.

The need to help food insecure Marylanders is greater now than ever before, due to the ongoing pandemic and economic crisis. According to data from Feeding America, over 667,000 Marylanders are struggling with hunger, including 216,000 children.ⁱ

That is where venison comes in. Many food banks are in need of a high protein, low fat meat option, which venison provides. I urge a favorable report for HB594, to help ensure that hungry Marylanders have access to a filling and nutrient rich food source.

ⁱ [Maryland | Feeding America](#)