



# Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

**Re: Support of HB 1163 - Caroline County - Sunday Hunting - Deer Hunting Seasons**

On behalf of our member families in Caroline County, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 1163, legislation that expands Sunday hunting in Caroline County by authorizing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow a person in Caroline County to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive.

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

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

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 1163 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.**

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

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