

February 16, 2022

To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

Re: Support of HB 682 - Baltimore County - Hunting - Nongame Bird and Mammals

From: Baltimore County Farm Bureau

Only in Baltimore County is it required for a farmer to purchase a hunting license and wear orange to hunt and trap groundhogs. I submit this written testimony in support of HB 682 on behalf of the over 1,100 members of Baltimore County Farm Bureau. Throughout the state of Maryland groundhogs, the holes they create and the mounds of soil they excavate cause injury to livestock, damage to crops, farm equipment and structures. This bill, if passed, will correct the superfluous requirements of only those who farm in Baltimore County.

I encourage your favorable support. We are simply asking for the same rights and privileges as every other farmer in the State of Maryland.

**MARYLAND FARM BUREAU & BALTIMORE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SUPPORT HB 682 AND ENCOURAGES THE COMMITTEE TO VOTE FAVORABLY.**

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