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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of HB 170 – Calvert County - Sunday Hunting

On behalf of our member families in Calvert County, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 170 legislation that would allow a hunter in Calvert County to hunt on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons. This bill would add Calvert to a list of approved counties that consists of Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary's, and Washington counties.

Crop damage created by deer is nearly \$50 per acre today. These numbers are even higher in Southern Maryland. DNR reports show that more than 10% of the deer harvested this hunting season were done on Sundays. Allowing Calvert County to have these additional Sunday hunting dates will allow the hunters to help address the overpopulation of deer in Calvert County.

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

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 170 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

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

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