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February 10, 2023

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
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RE: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT Senate Bill 0327/Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation – Funding, Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

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I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting, would adversely affect our lifestyle here. My family and I are avid hunters but we look forward to the rest on Sunday so that we may take our kids out hiking or exploring without running into or disturbing hunters. Additionally, as committed members of Ducks Unlimited, we are concerned at what the pressure of no break hunting might do to our migratory bird population down the line, especially considering the proposed increase of bag limits and a longer season. We can see no reason why Sunday hunting for migratory birds makes sense. As a farm owner and lifelong resident of the state of Maryland, I urge you to not pass this into law.

Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to SB0327, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting, would have an adverse effect for the following reasons. - Lack of access to private and public lands for personal enjoyment on Sundays without the fear of running into hunters (especially for families or hikers/walkers or equestrians)

- The overall hunting pressure of 7 consecutive days for numerous weeks will diminish the overall success of hunters
- Sunday is not only God's day, but a day of much needed rest of gunfire for property owners and neighboring property owners
- Lack of increased license sales and hunter participation in other states that have allowed Sunday hunting

Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to SB0327, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,
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I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting, would adversely affect our hunting season as a whole. It will increase hunting pressure on this valuable waterfowl resource making it harder for its recovery and sustainability we as a community have worked hard to protect. Sunday hunting would also limit access to some areas frequented by hunters including landowners, bike and horse riders and nature enthusiasts of all kinds. I am a hunter myself, while I enjoy hunting and look forward to passing this tradition down to my son I enjoy taking him and my wife on walks on Sundays without fear of a stray shot coming our way.

Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to SB0327, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

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I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting would adversely affect the overall health of the waterfowl population by increasing hunting pressure and negating a rest day that these populations need during the season. Additionally, use of many of the state lands, parks, and preserves that allow for equestrian riding and trail recreation either on foot or with horses cannot be safely used while hunting is occurring. No one should be on horseback where unexpected firearm use could spook the animal and potentially harm the rider. Many of my clients rely on the Sundays to explore the states parks and equestrian facilities, and as a valued group of tax payers, Sunday waterfowl hunting should be removed from this bill.

Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to SB0327, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

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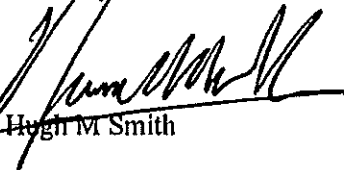
Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee:

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I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. I am a 68 year-old native of Talbot County and have been an avid hunter since the age of 12. Migratory waterfowl populations using Talbot County tributaries of Chesapeake Bay are a shadow of what they once were. I can recall seeing several thousand Canada Geese resting on the waters of Paper Mill Pond outside Easton. This month the population is approximately 50-75 birds. I rarely see ducks anymore. Waterfowl populations are under relentless pressure – especially from Outfitters and Guides catering to out-of-state hunters. A large number of my peers (local landowners) have given-up water fowling entirely out of respect for the natural environment and the economic costs that its erasure would incur. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting would put further pressure on migratory waterfowl and hasten the day that the Canada Goose, the black Duck, the Red Head and many other already over-stressed and declining species are gone entirely. Please don't take the one day of rest that migratory populations enjoy, purely to benefit a relatively small industry and to raise more revenue for the DNR.

Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to SB0327, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

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I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting, would adversely affect duck populations, as well as our hunting in general. In addition, Sunday has always been a day of rest for the birds as well as a chance for non-hunters to use multi-use areas or other properties used by hunters on normal hunting days. As a lifelong Maryland resident and a native eastern shoreman who has been hunting since the age of 10, that's 34 years now, I wholeheartedly oppose Sunday duck hunting. Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to SB0327, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,
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Dear Senator Feldman,

My name is Aubrey Barto and I am an Eastern Shore resident, hunter, fisher, conservationist, and biologist. I've worked as a hunting and fishing guide, a field biologist for NOAA, and a commercial fisherman. I am writing with regard to Senate Bill 0327. Specifically, I'd like to discuss the included provisions for Sunday waterfowl hunting. It is my opinion that this would be detrimental to the health of our migratory population as well as the effective management of these species. Further, there are many stakeholders that use these public resources, that do not hunt. For example, equestrians, hikers, ornithologists, and field naturalists enjoy a day during the weekend with no hunting pressure. If Sunday hunting was permitted, the pressure/effort would vastly increase and effective management of said ssp would be hobbled by an incomprehensible increase in take, and subsequent reduction of biomass.

I do not take issue with the other provisions within the bill. Therefore, I am in support of Bill 0327, with Amendment. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my position.

Kind Regards,
Aubrey Barto

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I am writing this letter of support with amendment to committee chairman Brian Feldman who has introduced SB0327. There are many good things in the bill but there is one item that I am strictly opposed to and that is the introduction of Sunday Hunting. I am concerned by introducing Sunday hunting in conjunction with the proposed increase of hunting days for geese and bag limits for both geese and ducks that we could fall back to a moratorium status in just a short period of time. I would ask that the committee take a step back and really evaluate this bill and see the harm it could have on hunters and their overall success in the field.

Thank you

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The one exception that I take with the bill as drafted is the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting, creates the following adverse effects:

- 7 consecutive days each week of hunting over the 60-day hunting season will place extra pressure on the State's already fragile waterfowl resources. Birds do not like pressure and the fact that many weekend hunters will now be able to concentrate their efforts on two days in a row of hunting and have a negative impact on the annual "harvest." Spreading Maryland waterfowling out over a 6 day period each week allows enjoyment for the whole population, including those seniors who have waited for their well earned retirement to enjoy the other hunting days besides the weekends.
- Diminish the use of private and public lands for outdoor recreation on Sundays if it requires overlapping with hunters.
- Sunday is not only the Lord's Day, but a day of much needed rest for property owners and their neighbors especially from gunfire in the early morning and late afternoon.

Therefore, I submit my **Support with Amendment to SB0327**, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Feldman,

We are concerned about the bill to be introduced by your committee with a major issue. Sunday hunting is very disturbing to us as we have experienced a trespass on Sunday hunting just recently and am greatly concerned that not only would the birds not have a day of rest, but neither would we! The one peaceful day of the week during hunting season was shattered by gunshots before the Sun had even made the horizon. It was very disturbing, and my grandchildren were truly afraid.

Our whole family loves to walk about on Sundays without fear of being shot at by mistake. I used to ride horses and I cannot imagine not having a single day of the week where one would not be afraid of getting shot.

We also have other concerns. With many states now allowing hunting on Sundays it would be expected that out-of-state hunters would come down to hunt for a whole weekend.

We wonder just how accurate the counts are for the birds themselves to allow another day of hunting. We can visibly see that there are far fewer ducks than last year. With Avian Influenza we do not know what the immediate future will be for all birds.

We understand that there has been no increase in license sales with increased days of hunting in other states.

And finally, we find that even with hunting, you consider the main Holy day for many people will be just another day for you who vote for this.

I (Barbara) am not sure how I feel about college students getting the same privilege as a resident. I see no reason why they could not get an out-of-state license. We both feel there should be special benefits for residents.

We thank you for considering this. We would probably have more to say, but we only found out about this today.

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