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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Senate Education, Health and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

**SENATE BILL 155
SUPPORT**

Re: Senate Bill 155 – Prince George’s County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee:

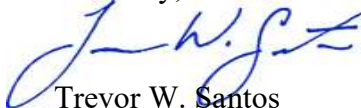
On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”), I submit these comments in support for Senate Bill 155 (“SB 155”) by Senator Jackson. SB 155 would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting season from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive, in Prince George's County.

As the trade association for America’s firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, NSSF seeks to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. We have a membership of thousands of manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, and shooting ranges. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Maryland sportsmen and women, the U.S. military, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

This important piece of legislation will expand current Sunday hunting opportunities for sportsmen, women, and children in Prince George’s County. Sunday hunting is an excellent vehicle to recruit new hunter-conservationists. Hunting, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation have proven physical, psychological, and educational benefits for our nation’s young people. Due to the greater prevalence of academic, athletic, and other competing activities that take place on Saturday, it is likely that allowing Sunday hunting will more than double the number of days children can hunt.

The passage of Senate Bill 155 will help ensure Maryland’s strong hunting heritage can be enjoyed and passed on to future generations of hunters and conservationists, and it is for these reasons that the National Shooting Sports Foundation supports the passage of Senator Jackson’s Senate Bill 155.

Sincerely,



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