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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 796  
SUPPORT**

**Re: Senate Bill 796 – Wicomico County - Sunday Hunting**

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

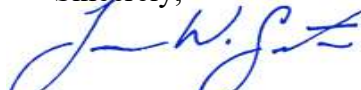
On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”), I submit these comments in support for Senate Bill 796 (“SB 796”) by Senators Carozza and Mautz. SB 796 would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt game birds and mammals on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Wicomico County and authorize the Department to allow Sunday hunting in Wicomico County on public land designated for hunting by the Department.

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 Wicomico 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 796 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 Senate Bill 796.

Sincerely,



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