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Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Attn.: Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill No. 777- Middle Shore Counties – Sunday Hunting –Repeal of Time Restrictions

Dear Honorable Chairman Feldman and Committee Members:

We are writing this letter in support of Senate Bill No. 777, as introduced, to repeal the time restrictions that apply to Sunday hunting in Wicomico County.

Many sportsmen work six days a week, which makes it difficult for them to go out and hunt. The time restrictions on Sundays makes it even more challenging as there is limited time to appreciate the sport with demanding schedules. This creates a challenge in retaining and recruiting new hunters.

According to the Sportsmen's Alliance, sportsmen generate more than \$26 million as a result of hunting and fishing license sales in Maryland. In addition, hunters purchase hunting gear, clothes, trucks, ATVs and boats, which may increase revenues for small businesses, and farmers that have suffered crop damage from wildlife may benefit too. There should be an opportunity for sportsmen to take advantage of the sport seven days a week without time restrictions on Sunday so they can enjoy their investment.

We thank you for your time and consideration of Senate Bill No. 777 as introduced. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



Julie M. Giordano, County Executive



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cc: Wicomico County Council
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