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February 8, 2023

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. 796-Sunday Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones

Dear Honorable Chairman Feldman and Committee Members:

We are writing this letter in support of Senate Bill No. 796, as introduced, authorizing hunting on private and public property in Wicomico County on Sundays, including the 50-year archery hunting safety zone authorization.

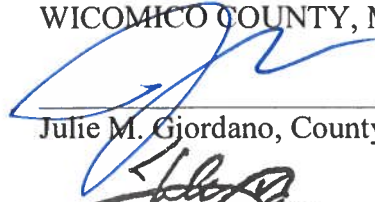
This Bill will help control the wildlife population in Wicomico County. When there is a high population of wildlife, there may be an increase in the number of deer-vehicle collisions, damaged crops and vegetation, and lyme disease. Hunting also contributes to the economy as hunters purchase hunting gear, clothes, trucks, ATVs and boats, which may increase revenues for small businesses, and it may benefit farmers that have suffered crop damage.

According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation, "hunting with a gun is the third-safest sport when compared to 28 other popular sports, and has a lower injury rate than golf, volleyball, baseball, wrestling and tackle football. This, most likely, is due in large part to the requirements for successful completion of certified firearm and bow hunter education courses by younger hunters." As mentioned, hunting is relatively safe and has many benefits; therefore, we support hunting in Wicomico County on Sundays.

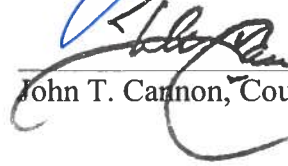
We thank you for your time and consideration of Senate Bill No. 796 as introduced. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



Julie M. Giordano, County Executive



John T. Cannon, Council President

cc: Wicomico County Council
Wicomico County State Delegation