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To: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment and House
Environment and Transportation Committees
From: Lisa Radov, President and Chair, Maryland Votes for Animals, Inc.
Re: Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation – Funding,
Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps – SB 327/HB 983
– **Favorable with Amendment – No Sunday Hunting of Migratory Game
Birds**

Maryland Votes for Animals supports the programs and components of this bill that would improve the relationship between people and wildlife in our state. However, we oppose the provision in this bill mandating Sunday Hunting of Migratory Game Birds. Maryland Votes for Animals would support amending the bill such that it removes Sunday Hunting of Migratory Game Birds or with an amendment that allows counties to decide if they want to opt in, a reasonable option for counties that do not want to see this statewide expansion of hunting.

We hope that the committees will consider amending this bill to ensure that every county can choose whether they want Sunday hunting of migratory game birds.