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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Delegate  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Letter of Support – House Bill 1119, “Dorchester County – Hunting – Fur–Bearing Mammals

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Dorchester County Council, I respectfully offer its support for House Bill 1119 entitled “Dorchester County – Hunting – Fur–Bearing Mammals” for the purpose of requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a year–round open season for the hunting of fur–bearing mammals in Dorchester County; removing certain limitations on the hunting of fur–bearing mammals on Sundays in Dorchester County; authorizing a person to hunt fur–bearing mammals on public land in Dorchester County designated for hunting by the Department of Natural Resources on certain Sundays; and generally relating to the hunting of fur–bearing mammals in Dorchester County.

Foxes are very territorial. They threaten native wildlife as well as livestock. Additionally, they pose a risk to humans and pets through the transmission of diseases such as distemper, parvo virus and mange. Therefore, the County Council asks that you look favorably upon this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions, please contact the Council’s Office at (410) 228-1700.

Sincerely,

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL



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cc: The Honorable Johnny Mautz, Senator  
The Honorable Christopher T. Adams, Delegate  
The Honorable Sheree Sample-Hughes, Delegate  
The Honorable Tom Hutchinson, Delegate