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Environment and Transportation Committee
Attn.: Delegate Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: House Bill No. 1118- Middle Shore Counties – Sunday Hunting –Repeal of Time Restrictions

Dear Honorable Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

We are writing this letter in support of House Bill No. 1118, 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 it may benefit farmers that have suffered crop damage from wildlife. 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 House Bill No. 1118 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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