



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of HB 1118 - Middle Shore Counties - Sunday Hunting - Repeal of Time Restrictions**

On behalf of our Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot & Wicomico County Farm Bureau member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 1118, legislation that repeals the 10:30 AM restriction during which a person must be out of the woods when hunting on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Caroline County, Dorchester County, Talbot County, and Wicomico County. The Sunday hunting bill passed in 2022 with the 10:30 AM restriction.

Having counties with different hunting time makes it difficult to know when and where you are allowed to hunt throughout the state. We understand that the counties have the right to set whether they will allow Sunday hunting or not, but the 10:30 AM restriction was not requested by the county nor the private landowners in the county. There should be uniformity in hunting laws so more people will want to hunt without worrying if they are breaking the law from county to county.

MDFB Policy: We support uniform Sunday deer hunting laws throughout the state on private land.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 1118 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colby Ferguson".

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