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The Honorable Kumar Barve  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
251 House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT House Bill 983/Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation  
– Funding, Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps

Dear Chair Barve and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

This letter serves as a Support with Amendment for House Bill 983, Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation – Funding, Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps.

I take no exception to the bill as drafted except for the proposed allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting. The allowance of Sunday waterfowl hunting would adversely affect the AP population of waterfowl in the state. I represent over 140 small businesses in the state, that all provide tens of thousands of recreational anglers and hunters the ability to enjoy the great outdoors. Allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting will more than double the harvest of a population that we have worked so hard to rebuild. Furthermore, the Sunday hunting day will no longer give the waterfowl a day to rest. This bill will not help rebuild the population for future generations, as conservationists of the state's natural resources we oppose all Sunday waterfowl hunting.

Therefore, I submit my Support with Amendment to HB983, and ask that you consider not allowing Sunday waterfowl hunting in the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,

Andrew Aus