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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Environment and Taxation Committee  
Room 251, House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** House Bill 0983/Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation – Funding, Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps

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

I support House Bill 0983, Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation – Funding, Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps **except the provision to allow Sunday waterfowl hunting.**

I fully support the majority of the bill and agree that most clauses are in alignment with conservation hunting. However, the provision that would allow Sunday waterfowl hunting would be detrimental to the waterfowl populations and would adversely affect quality of life of landowners and visitors alike on Sundays during waterfowl season.

The Atlantic flyway and its waterfowl are an important resource for our wellbeing and livelihood on the eastern shore of Maryland as well as many along the east coast, We are not alone in the effort to protect and conserve this amazing resource. From Maine to Georgia, we must work together to ensure the protection of wildlands and the species that depend on them to survive and thrive. As my 3 year old son becomes older I hope to pass along the traditions and knowledge I have been blessed with by having the opportunity to hunt with my father. I truly believe that allowing Sunday hunting would be a move in the wrong direction and put migratory waterfowl at greater risk of over harvesting and the possibility of never recovering.

Therefore, I urge you to amend HB0983 to remove the allowance for Sunday waterfowl hunting.

Sincerely,

Adam S. Hock

cc: The Honorable Nick Allen  
The Honorable Marvin E. Holmes, Jr.

The Honorable Dana Jones  
The Honorable Jeffrie E. Long, Jr.  
The Honorable Natalie Ziegler