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## The Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus

The Sportsmen's Best Friend in Annapolis

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## <u>Senate Bill 327/House Bill 983 – Hunting, Wildlife Conservation, and Outdoor Recreation – Funding,</u> <u>Promotion, Management, Licenses, Permits, and Stamps – SUPPORT</u>

Dear Chairman Feldman and Chairman Barve,

On behalf of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, we are writing to express our support of Senate Bill 327 and House Bill 983.

This legislation would provide the State with substantially more funding than it has ever had for resource management in Maryland. As a result, this bill would provide more access and opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen to engage in outdoor recreation.

Senate Bill 327 and House Bill 983 would provide more days for our State's youth and residents who work six days a week to be able to hunt. Based on a recent survey, 72% of hunters in Maryland want there to be more Sundays available for hunting in our State, and 69% of hunters say their hunting participation would increase if there were more Sunday hunting days. With this bill, Maryland would join the 44 other states that currently allow Sunday waterfowl hunting. The science is clear that permitting Sunday hunting of waterfowl will not negatively impact the resource.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for Senate Bill 327 and House Bill 983. Please contact us with any questions that you may have regarding our support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Senator Jack Bailev

Delegate Kevin Hornberger

Senator Katie Hester

Delegate Dana Jones