



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Support of HB 466 - Worcester County - Natural Resources - Hunting**

On behalf of our Worcester County Farm Bureau member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 466, legislation that add Worcester County to a list of counties in the state that would allow all day Sunday hunting for both game birds and game mammals during the allowed hunting seasons in the county. It also reduces the archery safety zone from 150 yards to 50 yards.

Crop damage created by deer is nearly \$50 per acre today. These numbers are even higher on the Eastern Shore. DNR reports show that more than 10% of the deer harvested this hunting season were done on Sundays. Opening Worcester County to have these additional Sunday hunting dates will allow the hunters to help address the overpopulation of deer in Worcester County.

MDFB Policy: We support statewide Sunday hunting on private lands.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS HB 466 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colby Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Colby Ferguson
Director of Government Relations

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