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To: House Environment & Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of HB 449 - Calvert County - Sunday Hunting - Repeal of Time Restrictions

On behalf of our Calvert County Farm Bureau member families, I submit this written testimony in support of HB 449, legislation that removes the 10:30 AM restriction that was placed on the allowing of Sunday hunting in Calvert County. Last year the legislature passed a bill to allow Sunday hunting in Calvert county. However, that bill restricted the Sunday hunting to be only in the morning and until 10:30 AM.

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 land owners 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 449 & REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT

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