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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 be adversely affect quality of life of land owners and visitors alike on Sundays during waterfowl season.

As a resident who lives very close to hunting land, Sundays are the only days of peace in this area. While I support the rights of hunters, non hunters appreciate having one day per week that is not filled with the sounds of gunshots. Our family works hard and this day of rest and peace is something we value greatly. Since the hunters are already given the other six days, can't us non-hunters have just this one day of quiet. I greatly appreciate the time and thought given to this letter.

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

Sincerely,

Jessica Donnelly

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