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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 am a lifelong resident of Chestertown Md, avid waterfowl hunter, conservationist, and land owner. 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 the quality of life for land owners and visitors alike on Sundays during waterfowl season. At some point we have to put the resource ahead of man's wants if we want to continue to enjoy the outdoors and rich waterfowl heritage in our great state.

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

Sincerely,

Peter D. Heller Jr.

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