

# MARYLAND BOWHUNTER'S SOCIETY

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Good afternoon ladies and gentleman of the committee,

My name is Maribeth Kulynych and I am the executive secretary for the Maryland Bowhunters Society, I am testifying on behalf of the organization.

MBS is here to support HB 466 (Worcester county-natural resourcesi hunting) in reference to expanding Sunday hunting and decreasing the 50 yard zone for archery.

Archery is considered one of the safest means of hunting and statistics stand by that. In archery the distance for taking an ethical shot is greatly decreased when compared to traditional firearms. It is also imperative for an archer to have a clear view of their target because something as small as a branch or even a vine can interfere with the flight of an arrow. Archery requires patience, precision, and timing to execute a clean shot. This means that shots taken during archery hunts are considered safer as the archer has time to survey their surroundings fully before taking a shot.

MBS is also in full support of the expansion on Sunday hunting in Worcester county. The majority of hunters work throughout the week so often Saturdays and Sundays are the only chance to afield.

The deer population across Maryland is substantial leading to dangerous vehicular accidents as well as damage to crops. It has been shown that the most effective means of keeping the deer population in check is during regular hunting seasons. Allowing for more Sunday hunting opportunities would expand the efforts to keep population numbers at a sustainable level. And deter further efforts to seek more extreme means such as night time crop damage hunting.

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