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Honorable Brian Feldman, Chair
Honorable Cheryl C. Pagan, Vice Chair
MD Education , energy, and the Environmental Committee

Miller Senate Bldg.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Ref: SB847

Dear Chairman Feldman, Vice Chairman Kagan, and members of the committee

The Dorchester Farm Bureau supports the passage of SB 847.

Dorchester Farm Bureau is a 501c3 member driven organization established in 1955. We represent a large portion of Dorchester Farmers and farm land owners.

White tail deer and sika populations have risen drastically due to lack of natural predators and protective game laws. The increase in deer population is responsible for tremendous crop damage. Crop damage translates into huge financial losses to our farmers. Losses of crops that could be feeding the hungry. We support extending the Sunday 10:30am hunting time to dark.

In closing, Extending hunting opportunities is one way to reduce this damage and our overpopulation problem. We ask for a favorable report on SB 847. Please feel free to contact me at Dorchester Farm Bureau, POBox 1293, Cambridge MD 21613.

Sincerely,

Valarie Brinsfield
President Dorchester Farm Bureau