



## Maryland Farm Bureau

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**To:** Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

**From:** Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

**RE: Support of SB847 - Dorchester County - Sunday Hunting - Repeal of Time Restrictions**

On behalf of the member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in favor of SB847 Dorchester County - Sunday Hunting - Repeal of Time Restrictions. This bill would remove the 10:30am time restriction for those hunting game birds and game mammals in Dorchester County. This will allow Dorchester County to have all-day hunting on three Sundays during the firearms season, two Sundays during the muzzleloader season and the Sundays during the bow season.

The Department of Natural Resources continues to stress that Sunday hunting is one of the most productive deer management tools they have to offer. Opening more opportunities for hunters to harvest over-populations of deer on private land will assist with curbing the ever-increasing crop loss due to deer damage. Per the 2011 Maryland Ag Statistics survey, deer accounted for \$7.7 million in crop losses in Maryland annually. Maryland Farm Bureau supports uniform Sunday deer hunting laws throughout the state on private land.

### **Maryland Farm Bureau Supports SB847**

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Tyler Hough

Director of Government Relations

*Please contact Tyler Hough, (443) 878-4045 with any questions*