

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony regarding HB778. I am a 4th generation waterfowl outfitter on the upper eastern shore. I am fortunate enough to be operating a hunting business founded by my great grandfather around 1930. That's right, my family has been taking sportsmen hunting in Kent county for nearly 100 years!

Plain & simple, Sunday waterfowl hunting is a bad idea! The benefit it will bring to the few hunters that will take part is greatly outweighed by the unnecessary pressure it will put on the wintering waterfowl population during the season.

Maryland's Eastern shore is unlike any other area in the United States because of its unique geography and ecosystems. Its close proximity to major east coast metropolitan areas also makes it a chosen destination for waterfowl hunters. Because of this, the waterfowl that winter here in Maryland are already under intense pressure. Hunting 7 days a week, for weeks at a time will only make matters worse. Sunday hunting if passed will only kill any resemblance of quality hunting that Maryland has been famous for in the last 100 years. Please vote Unfavorable for HB778.

Tom Marvel

Maryland Lic Hunting Outfitter

Chesapeake Guide Service

13011 Irelands Corner Rd.

Galena, Md. 21635