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The Honorable Marc A. Korman
Environment and Taxation Committee
Lowe House Office Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Md 21401

RE: **Opposed** to House Bill 778 Natural Resources Sunday Hunting Migratory Game Birds

Dear, Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce and the members of the Environment and Taxation Committee.

My name is Peter Heller and I am in **opposition of House Bill 778 that would allow Sunday hunting of Migratory Game Birds.**

I am a lifelong resident of Chestertown Md, avid waterfowl hunter, conservationist, and landowner. I have been a waterfowl hunter in Maryland for over 30 years. In those 30 years there have been good times and the not so good times with the goose moratorium in the mid 1990's and weather changes over the last 5 to 10 years. Our waterfowl population is on the verge of a level that would potentially call for another moratorium if we do not start to change our ways. By adding Sunday waterfowl hunting we will inch one step closer to making that looming moratorium a reality. At some point we need to put the resource ahead of man's wants and desires so we can continue to enjoy our rich waterfowl heritage for generations to come.

Therefore I urge you to oppose House Bill 778 That would allow Sunday hunting of Migratory Game Birds

Sincerely,

Peter D. Heller Jr.