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To: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: **Support of SB417 - Carroll County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting**

On behalf of the member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in favor of SB417 Carroll County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting. This proposed legislation would authorize a person to hunt in Carroll County on each Sunday of the 3 game bird and game mammal seasons.

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 SB417

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