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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chair
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee:

We write in support of **SB 417: Carroll County—Natural Resources—Sunday Hunting**, sponsored by the Carroll County Senators on our behalf. This bill would allow hunting on each Sunday of the game bird and game mammal seasons in Carroll County.

Currently, Carroll County hunters have limited opportunities for Sunday hunting. While deer hunting season spans from early September through January, only 15 of the 22 Sundays in this period permit hunting. **SB 417 would expand access to the remaining seven Sundays, aligning Carroll County with most other Maryland counties.**

Across the state, all but four counties—Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, and Prince George's County—allow Sunday hunting for much of the season.

Hunting plays a vital role in Carroll County's economy, conservation efforts, and wildlife management. Expanding Sunday hunting would **increase access for residents who work or attend school during the week, ensuring more individuals can participate in Maryland's hunting traditions.**

This bill also supports **local businesses**, as hunters frequently purchase equipment, food, lodging, and other supplies in the community. By expanding Sunday hunting, Carroll County can enhance its appeal as a destination for outdoor sports enthusiasts, providing a direct economic boost.

By adopting this measure, Carroll County would join many other Maryland counties that have successfully implemented expanded Sunday hunting without adverse effects.

This legislation promotes fairness and opportunity for hunters while supporting conservation efforts and the local economy.

For these reasons, the Board respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE report on SB 417.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

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