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The Honorable Chair Marc A. Korman House Environment and Transportation Committee House Office Building, Room 251 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Letter of Opposition to HB892, Natural Resources - Canada Geese - Bag Limits

Dear Honorable Chair Marc A. Korman and members of the Committee,

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As a resident of Charles County, Maryland and longtime waterfowl enthusiast, I am opposed to HB892.

First, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources "Letter of Information", dated February 4, 2025 (copy attached), clearly indicates the validity and rationale for different Canada Goose Zones. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the final jurisdiction subsequently approving in prior years.

Second, the Proposed 2025- 2026 DNR Canada goose seasons continue with the split zones, as in years prior.

Finally, the DNR letter dated February 4, 2025 indicates HB892 could present hunter confusion without significantly improving the Migratory AP Canada Goose population.

In conclusion, HB892 alters the Canada Goose hunting seasons in a manner not supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Therefore, I respectfully request the committee issue an unfavorable report on HB892.

Respectfully Submitted,

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