



Maryland Farm Bureau

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To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

RE: **Support of HB654 - Wicomico County - Sunday Hunting Time Restrictions - Repeal**

On behalf of the member families of the Maryland Farm Bureau, I submit written testimony in favor of HB654 Wicomico County - Sunday Hunting Time Restrictions - Repeal. This bill would remove the 10:30am time restriction for those hunting game birds and game mammals in Wicomico County. This will allow Wicomico County to have all-day hunting on three Sundays during the firearms season, two Sundays during the muzzleloader season and the Sundays during the bow season.

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 HB654

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