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RE: HB-1299 - Natural Resources - Western Maryland – Elk

Good afternoon Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the Environment & Transportation Committee,

Please accept my testimony in support of HB-1299. This bill is intended as a starting point to examine a potential reintroduction into Western Maryland, based on and similar to the prior effort from roughly a decade ago. I believe it would serve a long-term benefit for sportsman in our State, and make Maryland a more desirable tourism destination for hunting and the like. Elk have been successfully reintroduced to many states, including Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Please see the attached information. Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin Hornberger".

Delegate Kevin Hornberger