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DATE: March 10, 2026

TO: Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment
Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice-Chair, Education Energy, and the Environment

RE: Support MD SB 879- Baltimore City - Natural Resources - Sunday Deer Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones

Honorable Senators Feldman and Kagan:

On behalf of the Maryland Division-Izaak Walton League (MD-IWLA), I am asking you to support SB 879- Baltimore City - Natural Resources-Sunday Deer Hunting and Archery Hunting Safety Zones which will expand Sunday hunting into Baltimore City and better manage its deer population. Maryland is one of only five states which still has some types of restriction or prohibition on Sunday hunting.

Hunters with full time employment already experience limited hunting opportunities which are often further limited by weather events. And, youth hunters are often limited to only weekend hunting because of school obligations. Hunting is a lifelong pursuit for many and expanding Sunday hunting throughout the State removes an unnecessary barrier to that pursuit. For hunters that feed their families from their harvests, the proposed expansions provide further opportunity to fill their freezers with natural and healthy alternatives to meat raised in industrial farms.

With more hunting opportunities it is likely for new people getting hunting licenses and previous hunters that have not hunted in a while because of time constraints to reactivate their licenses. This will create additional revenue for the state of Maryland and provide more dollars for protecting and enhancing natural areas and wildlife. Many of our members became conservationists because of their hunting experiences.

Chartered in 1945, the MD-IWLA (www.marylandiwla.org) includes over 4,300 avid anglers, hunters, and outdoor sports enthusiasts across Maryland who are committed to the wise stewardship of our soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

The arguments in support of the continued restrictions on Sunday hunting are relics of another time and no longer serve the State. Please vote YES on SB 879.

Sincerely,

Curt Howard, President
Maryland Division-Izaak Walton League of America