



Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Hearing March 10, 2025

Testimony on Senate Bill 643

Natural Resources - Hunting - Management: **UNFAVORABLE**

Maryland Association for Wildlife Conservation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) for the preservation and promotion of countryside sports. Our members own and breed pack hounds, such as foxhounds, bassets and beagles for the pursuit by the hounds of certain quarry, with participants following on foot or horseback.

MAWC opposes Senate Bill 643 as it requires elected officials to cede their power, authority and their responsibility to their constituents to the regulatory agency for a period of three years. As tempting as it may be for elected officials to delegate their rule making responsibilities to a government agency (employees of which are not directly responsible to the voters), we strongly encourage you to not abdicate your power.

MAWC urges an UNFAVORABLE report from the committee on SB 643.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Crystal Pickett'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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