



**House Economic Matters Committee, March 11, 2025**

**Testimony on House Bill 1063**

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 House Bill 1063 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 HB 1063.**

Sincerely,

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