



**House Bill 1063**

*Natural Resources – Hunting – Management*

Position: FAV

Date: February 27, 2026

To: Environment and  
Transportation Committee

On behalf of the Caroline County Commissioners, we write to express our full support for House Bill 1063—Natural Resources—Hunting—Management.

As you are aware, Caroline County has a deep hunting heritage. The passage of this legislation will increase hunting opportunities across the state, in addition to Caroline County. Additionally, this legislation will increase the opportunity for hunters to manage the deer population which is vital for Caroline County's farmers. Deer depredation is a major concern to our constituency, and the passage of this legislation provides another tool in the toolbox for landowners, farmers, and hunters to responsibly manage the deer herds in our county.

The passage of this legislation will also greatly benefit our families that rely on hunting to provide food and safe recreation, as well as the ecotourism that it brings to our county, in addition to our fellow counties on the Eastern Shore.

In closing, the passage of House Bill 1063 also allows counties the opportunity to opt-out of Sunday hunting if they choose, by going through the regulatory process of the Department of Natural Resources, rather than through the legislature.

For the reasons mentioned above, the Caroline County Commissioners are in full support of House Bill 1063.

Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding, President