



Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

Delegate Marc Korman, Chairman  
House Environment & Transportation Committee  
250 Taylor Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 1067 - Hunting - Phase-Out of Lead Ammunition - FAVORABLE

Dear Delegate Korman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Peter Winch, and I am a Professor in the Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Co-Chair of the Johns Hopkins Sustainability Leadership Council. I am active in efforts to reduce exposure to lead in Bangladesh, and globally.

I am writing in strong support of HB 1067, the phase-out of lead ammunition for hunting, for the following reasons:

- The harmful effects of lead on both human and animal health are indisputable. In humans, the harmful effects of lead extend to multiple body systems and organs, and frequently are irreversible. Globally, there are an estimated 5.5 million premature adult deaths from cardiovascular disease alone.
- Once lead and other heavy metals are in the environment, the effects persist, lasting many generations. Lead is a notable contributor to poor health of people living near long-abandoned mines, and long-abandoned industrial sites.
- Hunting can be practiced without lead in ammunition. The phase-out of lead ammunition will not adversely affect hunters.

I respectfully urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1067. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Winch". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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