



To: The Honorable Marc Korman  
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Re: House Bill 1063 – Natural Resources – Hunting  
–Management  
Position: Support  
Date: February 27, 2026

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Chairman Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Honorable Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Maribeth Kulynycz, I am the President of the Maryland Bowhunters' Society (MBS). MBS stands in support of House Bill 1063. Founded in 1977, the Maryland Bowhunters' Society (MBS) has been dedicated to preserving the history of archery and bowhunting while ensuring its future in Maryland. MBS promotes safe, ethical hunting practices and provides education and training for those who wish to responsibly enjoy the outdoors.

We have confidence that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will continue to make sound, science-based decisions that balance the interests of all stakeholders. For many years, MBS has actively supported the inclusion of Sundays as part of Maryland's hunting seasons. It is estimated that around 10% of the annual harvest is taken on Sundays. MBS supports all hard working residents having the chance to enjoy the outdoors and partake in activities that benefit them, and their families, not only physically but also mentally. In today's fast paced world, people need opportunities to disconnect and enjoy the quiet of Maryland's natural resources on what may be their only free day of the week.

Maryland's outdoors community is proving they are committed to safety. Archery specifically is widely recognized as one of the safest forms of hunting, a fact supported by both national and local statistics. In Maryland over the last 10 years, there has been one archery related two-party incident report.

The outdoors community continues to demonstrate their value to the state by improving roadway safety through effective wildlife population management, providing organic and nutritious food for hunters and many Maryland families in need, assisting farmers with crop damage mitigation, and contributing millions of dollars to Maryland's economy. The efforts also help ensure the long-term health of

our lands and wildlife resources. For these reasons, the Maryland Bowhunters' Society strongly supports HB 1063 and respectfully urges the Committee to give the bill a favorable report.

Thank you for your time,

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