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Honorable Members of the
Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, Md. 21401

**Subject: HB-1063 Natural Resources – Hunting Management
SUPPORT**

Dear Honorable Delegates:

I represent the Western Maryland Sportsmen's Coalition, Inc. The Coalition is comprised of many hunting clubs and sportsmen's associations and thousands of their individual members living in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick, and Carroll Counties. As President of the Coalition, I work together with the leadership of these Western Maryland Sportsmen's organizations for the recognition and benefit of the sportsmen and sportswomen of the five most western counties of Maryland.

On February 27, 2026, the Environment and Transportation committee will be hearing the advantages and disadvantages of **HB-1063 (Natural Resources – Hunting Management)**.

HB-1063 recognizes the desirability and efficiency of the Department of Natural Resources to study, research and implement effective game management regulations. The Department's expertise in wildlife management and consistent stakeholder engagement make it best suited to regulate and address concerns about our wildlife resources.

Together with the sportsmen and sportswomen of Western Maryland, I strongly urge you to support and vote favorably on HB-1063.

Respectfully,

Ben Kelkye

President
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| Joe Winter | President, Washington County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs |
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