



February 20, 2026

Dear Delegate Korman – Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee;

Our organization fully supports (HB1063) *Natural Resources – Hunting - Management*. We support granting authority to the Department of Natural Resources to authorize hunting of deer and migratory game birds on Sundays during their respective hunting seasons.

The Maryland/Delaware Chapter of the Wildlife Society is a professional organization of 120 wildlife professionals dedicated to promotion of sound stewardship of wildlife resources and of the environments upon which wildlife and humans depend. We are in agreement with the position taken by our parent organization, the national chapter of The Wildlife Society, that regulated hunting is an appropriate and ethical means of managing wildlife. Furthermore, it is our collective professional opinion that the authorization of Sunday hunting will not produce negative population trends for Maryland’s wildlife as declines have not been observed in the forty states which permit Sunday hunting.

Our membership recognizes the immense social and ecological value of hunting. We also recognize the historical social value bestowed on Sundays as a “day of rest.” However, given the critical importance of hunting to managing ecosystems and to nourishing Marylanders, we feel that prohibiting hunting on Sundays is antiquated and unnecessary. Furthermore, we also understand that many hunters are employed and thus cannot hunt on weekdays. Under our current management policy, these same individuals are only allowed one of the two remaining days to hunt. The passage of this legislation would help expand the opportunity to hunt to individuals who are otherwise limited by the constraints of their employment and the current legislation.

Please fully support and help pass (HB1063) *Natural Resources – Hunting - Management*.

Sincerely,

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Approved by the Chapter’s Executive Board on March 9, 2026



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