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The Honorable Jack Bailey
Maryland State Senator
401 James Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Reginal T. Boyce
Maryland State Delegate
304 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Bailey and Delegate Boyce,

On behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association, the regional affiliate of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada, I am writing to express support for Senate Bill 643 / House Bill 1063, legislation that would expand and modernize Maryland's Sunday hunting laws.

Many members of our many locals in Maryland have expressed strong support for this legislation. Our members work demanding schedules on construction and industrial projects throughout the region, and for many working tradespeople, Sundays are often the only realistic opportunity to participate in outdoor traditions such as hunting.

Hunting is an activity enjoyed by many of our members and their families, and it is rooted in values of responsible firearm ownership, conservation, and ethical wildlife management. Expanding reasonable Sunday hunting opportunities recognizes the realities of modern work schedules while supporting responsible hunters who follow Maryland's wildlife regulations and safety standards.

We also note that building trades organizations in neighboring states have supported similar legislation. The Delaware Building and Construction Trades Council, for example, supported comparable legislation in that state recognizing that union members with demanding work schedules often rely on Sundays as their only opportunity to hunt. Senate Bill 643 / House Bill 1063 represents a balanced approach that maintains oversight by the Department of Natural Resources while expanding opportunities for responsible hunting and wildlife management in Maryland.

For these reasons, we respectfully support this legislation and appreciate your leadership in advancing it.

Sincerely,

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President
Mid-Atlantic Pipe Trades Association

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Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 10 – Richmond, VA/Roanoke, VA
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 110 – Norfolk, VA
Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 74 – Newark, DE

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486 – Baltimore, MD
Steamfitters Local 602 – Capitol Heights, MD
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