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Testimony for Senate Bill 500
Talbot County - Turkey and Deer Hunting - Sundays
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
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Chairman Dinsky and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present Senate 500: Talbot County - Turkey and Deer Hunting – Sundays. A request of local hunters and with the support of the County, Senate Bill 500 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to allow junior hunting of turkey and deer with firearms on Sundays during the winter portion of deer firearm season in Talbot County .

Junior hunts are designated for individuals 16 years of age or younger, who are accompanied by a person at least 21 years of age. Junior hunts have been a very successful program for our youth, teaching firearm safety as well as hunting skills. Senate Bill 500 further expands our junior hunt program in Talbot County. In addition, Sunday hunting addresses the areas of overpopulation and brings economic benefit through the additional expenses of hunters that choose to participate.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 500. Thank you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Addie Eckardt".

Senator Addie Eckardt