

**HB 1129** – will allow Sunday deer hunting with a firearm during junior day and on any Sunday during the winter portion of the deer firearm season in the deer management region of which Talbot County is a part; also applies to Turkey Season and includes public land

## **OPPOSED**

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I beg you to vote against ANY bill which further erodes the ability of ALL Maryland taxpayers -- not just the 2% who are hunters – to like to enjoy the outdoors on Sundays. I believe "Sunday Hunting" bills, promoted by organized hunting associations who can afford to hire lobbyists, do not control the deer population as well as other means: increasing the take of doe, enforcing existing regulations to ensure that the doe population is decreased, and utilizing Deer Management Plans.

Hunters already have the privilege to hunt on Sundays nearly non-stop from early October to the middle of January; there are few Sundays left that are open to the rest of us. Where is the justice in this?

We like to walk in the woods just like the hunters, and look forward to Sundays when we can enjoy a walk in the woods without hearing gunshots and worrying about arrows and bullets. We also have jobs that don't allow us to enjoy the outdoors any time we want.

How do people whether or not each piece of property they pass through is hunted, and when, since property lines aren't marked in the woods?

How can I enjoy a walk on my own property when there might be someone in the hunter's stand right on the other side of my property line?

I believe I speak for all who enjoy the outdoors: hikers, birdwatchers, equestrians, or and just parents playing with their kids in their own backyards.

Thank you.