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**HOUSE BILL 615
SUPPORT**

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 615 – Natural Resources – Sunday Deer Hunting – Prince George’s County

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”), I submit these comments in support of House Bill 615 (“HB 615”) by the Prince George’s County Delegation. HB 615 would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons in Prince George’s County from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt on public land designated for hunting on Sunday in Prince George’s County; etc.

As the trade association for America’s firearm, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, NSSF seeks to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. We have a membership of thousands of manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, and shooting ranges. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Maryland sportsmen and women, the U.S. military, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

This important piece of legislation will allow licensed sportsmen, women, and children to participate in deer hunting on certain Sundays in Prince George’s County. Sunday hunting is an excellent vehicle to recruit new hunter-conservationists. Hunting, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation have proven physical, psychological, and educational benefits for our nation’s young people. Due to the greater prevalence of academic, athletic, and other competing activities that take place on Saturday, it is likely that allowing Sunday hunting will more than double the number of days children can hunt.

The passage of House Bill 615 will help ensure Maryland’s strong hunting heritage can be enjoyed and passed on to future generations of hunters and conservationists, and it is for these reasons that the National Shooting Sports Foundation supports the passage of the Prince George’s County Delegation’s House Bill 615.

Sincerely,

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