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Honorable Committee Members for HB0325

I am against adding more Sundays to the deer hunting season, I am not against hunting and understand the need to cull deer. I am not a hunter but I am an outdoor enthusiast who is quite uneasy walking in a wooded area or across a meadow with the possibility of hunters nearby. How nice it is to have some Sundays when no hunting is permitted. My husband and son are deer hunters, they are uncomfortable when they see or hear non hunters in the woods where they are hunting. It brings their hunting to an end as long as non-hunters are present.

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I am a member of the 65 year old Talbot County Bird Club, we presently have 106 members. Our bird walks are on Sundays with few exceptions, one of the reasons Sunday was chosen was in respect to hunting on other days.

Maryland has a full calendar of hunting now, please remember there are thousands of us do not hunt but have a right to be in the same place as hunters. Please do not add more Sunday hunting.

Respectfully,

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not dare shoot if a deer as standing in front of them.

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paths. People walk with their dogs, grandchildren, for themselves and a few horseback riders visit. This is a bow hunt designated area with 5 Sundays at this time. If the proposed law passes with more Sundays aren't you concerned with hunter citizen conflict?

One day a friend and I entered 45 acres owned by the Maryland Ornithological Society. We had just nicely started when a man caught up to us to say he and friends were just arriving to deer hunt. We thanked him and left but suppose we thought we had just as much right to be there as he did? As this was MOS property I did not know hunters would be there.

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