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OPPOSTION OF HB0615

Good afternoon Chairman Barve and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts about HB0615 "Natural Resources-Sunday Deer Hunting-Prince George's County PG 402-21.

The parks in Prince George's County are enjoyed by many of us who live in neighboring counties. For those of us who work full-time, we enjoy our time in the parks during the weekends. This is particularly true during the winter months when fulltime workers can only enjoy them during the weekend daylight hours.

My friends and I enjoy riding our horses in the parks in the Prince George's parks every weekend. During deer-hunting months we only have Sundays. Now that might be taken away. We won't have anywhere else to ride.

We were riding in Rosaryville State Park not long ago and came up on a hunter. There was not only us out in the park but other groups of hikers and families. It is very scary to come upon these hunters.

For these reasons, I request the Environment and Transportation Committee oppose HB0615.

Thank you.

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