

February 15, 2021

Dear Senator Mautz,

As a private landowner with fields and woods (170 acres) I strongly oppose HB 325.

Our daughter & I reside in Talbot County and enjoy riding our horses or walking our dogs. There is a section of woods on the county road that is shared by four landowners where they allow deer and turkey hunting. Sunday is the only "safe" day that we have to be able to walk that area. I'm sure there are many places in Talbot County that have a similar situation with woods on both side of the road (Travelers Rest, for instance).

A firearm does not know boundaries. All prey need a day of rest (I see it with the Canada geese on a Sunday where they know they can move about to eat unharmed.) We outdoors women and men watch the cycles of the wildlife. Hunting pressure for four months to too much without a break during that period.

There have bee polls taken by DNR of Large Landowners and Maryland Residents OPPOSE Sunday hunting. Since there isn't support anyway to force landowners open up their land, let's not put it into legislation.

Thank you for your attention. Again, I oppose HB 325.

Regards,

-Leslie Passano

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