



February 1, 2021

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen St,
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve and members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Sportsmen's Alliance is the nation's leading organization working to protect and preserve the sporting heritage of the US. The Sportsmen's Alliance, on behalf of its Maryland members, urges you and your colleagues to join us in support of House Bill 225. Delegate Arentz legislation will expand Sunday Hunting opportunities in Maryland's Queen Anne's County in order to bring hunting regulations in this county in line with several other counties in the state that allow Sunday hunting. Sunday hunting issues have long been a focus of the Sportsmen's Alliance and we are thankful this legislation has a hearing this week. We urge this committee to join us in support of this legislation.

If HB 225 passes it will lead to increased funding for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Opening Sunday hunting in Queen Anne's County will provide working sportsmen and sportswomen an opportunity to go afield for an additional weekend day. By expanding access on Sunday's, the county will likely see in an increase in hunter participation and recruitment, which will ultimately mean more funding for wildlife conservation in the state. Sportsmen fund most wildlife conservation efforts through purchase of licenses and taxes paid on outdoor equipment. Sportsmen should be able to access the land they fund on all seven days of the week.

It is for these reasons we again ask you to join the Sportsmen's Alliance in support of House Bill 225 and the expanded opportunities it will provide in Queen Anne's county.

Sincerely,

Jacob Hupp
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