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Dear Senate Education, Health and Environment Committee

On behalf of Queen Anne's Conservation Association, we send this letter urging a FAVORABLE report on Senator Karen Lewis-Young's Senate Bill 983, requiring the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to establish a process to phase out lead based fire arm ammunition.

Each year, numerous species of Maryland's wildlife, birds and mammals are impacted due to the harmful affects of lead poisoning. Just as lead has been banned in gasoline products, plumbing supplies, and paint, it's high time that lead-based ammunition be banned in Maryland. Lead based ammunition is a hold-over from a centuries old practice and continues to be broadcast in nearly every County in Maryland. The science of lead poisoning is well known.

We urge you to support SB-983

Sincerely,

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"Conservation is a cause that has no end. There is no point at which we will say our work is finished."

-Rachel Carson