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TO: Senate of Virginia

House of Delegates of Virginia

Dear Honorable members of the Virginia General Assembly,

The Virginia Deer Hunters Association has supported ethical deer hunting in Virginia since it was established in March 1985. We recognize that it is critical for deer hunters to unite in a statewide organization to protect and preserve deer hunting for future generations to come.

In 2014, your body voted to allow hunting on Sundays in Virginia. Since then, hunters in Virginia have had the opportunity to hunt Sundays on private land only.

From a deer management perspective Sunday hunting has been very successful for private property owners. Since October of 2017, hunters have harvested on average ten (.10) percent of the deer harvested yearly. The average for Monday through Thursday holds steady at ten percent (.10) as well. Saturday hunting accounts for thirty six percent of the average yearly harvest and Friday is fourteen percent. (14) Harvest numbers would likely increase on Sunday since greater opportunity would be afforded to hunters who hunt public land.

SB8 would allow for the expansion of hunting on Sundays to nearly 2 million acres of public land. Please keep in mind that this land was paid for and is maintained largely through revenues generated from hunting licenses and fees generated by people of the commonwealth who use the facilities.

On behalf of the VDHA I am asking that you consider passing SB8 to Governor Younkin to sign. Hunting on Sundays as the data shows is not only an effective herd management position, but an additional opportunity for quality time spent afield with your family.

Thankyou in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin P. Carroll
Vice President
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