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To: Criss, Jeremy
Subject: RE: Draft AAC letter on suggested changes to the MD Hunting Regulations

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Subject: Draft AAC letter on suggested changes to the MD Hunting Regulations

Hello David,
Attached you will find a draft letter for the AAC to recommend changes to the Maryland Hunting Regulations.
Thanks J

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July 19, 2016

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
101 Monroe Street
Rockville, MD. 20850

Dear County Executive Leggett:

Recommended Changes to the Maryland
Hunting Regulations

On behalf of the Montgomery County Agricultural Advisory Committee-AAC, please accept this letter as support for changes to the Maryland Hunting Regulations. As you know, the ACC has been concerned about the growing population of deer herds in the County that negatively impact County farmers and residents. Our 2014 deer damage survey showed that economic crop losses from deer exceeded \$4 million for all crops combined.

The Montgomery Agricultural Producers-MAP has been working with the County Council and the Executive staff to propose specific changes to the Maryland Hunting Regulations. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Reduced Archery Hunting Safety Zone from 100 yards to 50 yards-County Bill
2. Adding Sunday hunting-County Bill
3. Extending hunting season by one month through February-Statewide Bill
4. Adding an additional week for deer hunting with a shotgun-Statewide Bill

The AAC thanks the County Executive for this opportunity to present our support for the requested changes to the Maryland Hunting Regulations. The farmers and hunters truly need all the tools necessary to reduce deer herds that impact many County residents.

Sincerely,

David Weitzer, Chairman

