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Alana M. Barricks  
Mid-Atlantic States Coordinator  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
110 North Carolina Avenue, SE  
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Dear Ms. Barricks:

The State of Delaware enacted legislation in 2016 authorizing deer hunting on five prescribed Sundays during established deer seasons on private lands and on those public lands so designated by government agencies. The Division of Fish & Wildlife worked closely with the Delaware Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus that initiated the legislation.

The Division coordinated with our wildlife advisory council and engaged the public to help determine which public wildlife areas would be open to Sunday deer hunting in consideration of balancing multiple uses of these areas. Approximately 80% of our public wildlife area acreage was open to Sunday deer hunting during the 2016/2017 hunting season, with no reported notable user conflicts on these public lands (or on private lands).

Sunday deer hunting provided additional hunting opportunities and another tool to sustainably manage Delaware's robust deer population. Statewide, 1,170 harvested deer were reported on the five Sundays, helping achieve a record reported deer harvest of 14,742 deer during the 2016/2017 hunting season.

Delaware's inaugural Sunday deer hunting was successful and we look forward to continuing to provide this value-added hunting opportunity for Delaware's hunters.

Sincerely,

David E. Saveikis  
Director

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through Science and Service*