

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 557 – *Income Tax - U.S. Government Employees' Foreign Earned Income*.

This bill provides a subtraction modification for specified taxable years under the Maryland income tax for foreign earned income, as defined, of an individual earned as an employee of the United States or of an agency of the United States; and limits the subtraction to \$3,500 for any taxable year.

House Bill 994, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 557.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor