

May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Speaker of the House  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 28 - *Procurement - Small Business Reserve Program - Sunset Extension*.

This bill extends the termination date for the Small Business Reserve Program for three years, from September 30, 2007, to September 30, 2010. Chapter 75 of 2004 established the Small Business Reserve Program, which requires 22 designated State agencies to structure their procurement procedures so that at least 10% of the total value of each agency's procurements of goods, supplies, and services are made directly to small businesses.

Senate Bill 23, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 28.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor