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 102 - *Natural Resources - Open Air Burning Limitations - Application*.

This bill establishes that the prohibition against open air burning during a declared burning ban does not apply to a burning conducted under the direct control and supervision of certain fire personnel.

Senate Bill 237, 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 102.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor