

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 161 - *Governors Appointments Office and Appointing Authorities - Duties*.

This bill prohibits the Governors Appointments Office from directing or overruling specified decisions of specified appointing authorities in the Executive Branch of State government, the Secretary of Budget and Management, or a unit of the Department of Budget and Management.

Senate Bill 50, 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 161.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor