

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 252 - *Frederick County - Collective Bargaining - Representatives for Correctional Officers*.

This bill authorizes the representatives of full-time correctional officers in the Frederick County Sheriff's Office to collectively bargain with the Sheriff of Frederick County concerning wages and benefits. The bill requires that any additional funding required as a result of a negotiated agreement be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners of Frederick County.

Senate Bill 565, 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 252.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor