

May 17, 2007

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 511 - *Real Property - Sale of Property Encumbered by a Conservation Easement*.

This bill requires a seller of property encumbered by a conservation easement to provide the purchaser a copy of all such easements encumbering the property. The seller must also include in the sales contract a statement with specified information about the conservation easement and the purchaser's rights and responsibilities regarding it. If a seller fails to meet these requirements, the purchaser has the right to rescind the contract. The purchaser must also give notice of the sale to the owner of the conservation easement.

House Bill 465, 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 511.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor