

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 576 - *Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact - Emergency Responders*.

This bill defines the term “emergency responder” for purposes of the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and includes in the defined term specified firefighters, emergency medical services providers, rescue squad members, county employees, and law enforcement officers.

House Bill 689, 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 576.

Sincerely,

Martin O’Malley  
Governor