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 622 - *Ground Rents - Registry of Properties Subject to Ground Leases*.

This bill establishes a central registry of ground leases in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

House Bill 580, 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 622.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor