

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 960 - *Frederick County - Procurement Contracts - Architectural and Engineering Services*.

This bill authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County to award procurement contracts for architectural and engineering services costing more than \$30,000 based on an evaluation of the technical proposals and qualifications of at least two persons. It further requires that the contracts be fair, competitive, and reasonable.

House Bill 905, 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 960.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor