

May 19, 2009

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 553 – *Maryland Condominium Act – Closed Meetings of Board of Directors*.

House Bill 553 repeals a specified condition on which a meeting of the board of directors of a condominium council of unit owners may be held in closed session. The bill also alters conditions on which a meeting of a board of directors may be held in closed session and authorizes a board of directors to hold a meeting in closed session in order to discuss an individual owner assessment account.

Senate Bill 171, 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 553.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor