

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 572 – *Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Finance and Governance*.

This bill amends the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Compact to add two federally appointed, voting board members, require an Office of the Inspector General at WMATA, and require Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to make payments from a dedicated funding source to match up to \$1.5 billion in federal funds for WMATA capital and preventive maintenance projects.

Senate Bill 915, 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 572.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor