May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H–101 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 468 – *Health Insurance – Dental Provider Contracts* – *Prohibited Provision*.

This bill prohibits a carrier from including in a dental provider contract a provision that requires a dental provider to provide specified services at a fee set by the carrier and applies the Act to dental provider contracts issued, renewed, or amended in the State on or after October 1, 2011.

Senate Bill 705, 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 468.

Sincerely,

Governor