May 15, 2014

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 322 – Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Restaurant Seating Capacity and License Quota.

The bill sets the seating capacity for a restaurant in Washington County for a Class B alcoholic beverages (on-sale) license and a Class P alcoholic beverages (on-sale) license. The bill also excludes Class P licenses issued to restaurants, rather than Class B licenses issued to restaurants, from the county's population ratio quota.

Senate Bill 692, 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 322.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley