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 420 – Washington County – Off–Road Vehicle Trails – Prohibition of Establishment on Sideling Hill.

The bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources from establishing an off-road vehicle trail on State-owned property located in Sideling Hill in Washington County, including the Sideling Hill Wildlife Management Area and specified other areas. In addition, the legislation requires the Department to review and evaluate the suitability for preservation of the Sideling Hill Wildlife Management Area and State-owned property in the areas of Sideling Hill.

Senate Bill 471, 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 420.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley