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 1275 – Vehicle Laws – Manufacturers, Distributors, Factory Branches, and Affiliates – Relationship With Dealers.

The bill prohibits, except under specified circumstances, a manufacturer, distributor, factory branch, or affiliate from requiring or coercing a dealer to purchase specified goods or services from specified vendors under specified circumstances and requires a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch licensed in the State to specify in writing to its motor vehicle dealers specified dealer obligations and specified information relating to the compensation of dealers for parts and labor.

Senate Bill 687, 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 1275.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley