May 15, 2014

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate H–107 State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 216 – Workers' Compensation – Workers' Compensation Commission – Issuance of Subpoenas.

The bill requires the Workers' Compensation Commission, on a request of a party to a proceeding pending before the Commission, to issue a subpoena for specified purposes and authorizes the Commission to assess the whole cost of the proceeding against the requesting party if the Commission determines after an evidentiary hearing that the subpoena was requested in bad faith.

House Bill 219, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 216.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley