

May 12, 2015

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 551 – *Land Use – Plans – Development and Adoption*.

This bill authorizes the legislative body of a local jurisdiction to adopt, modify, remand, or disapprove a specified plan or part of a plan, a plan for one or more geographic sections or divisions of the local jurisdiction, or an amendment to the plan; authorizes and requires the legislative body to hold a public hearing before taking specified actions; and requires a planning commission to hold a public hearing before submitting a new recommended plan under specified circumstances.

House Bill 919, 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 551.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.