

May 27, 2016

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, I have vetoed House Bill 445 – *Food Stamp Program – Minimum Benefit – State Supplement*.

This bill requires the State to provide a supplement to increase the total benefit to \$30 per month to a household that includes an individual who is at least 62 years old and receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp program.

Senate Bill 758, which was passed by the General Assembly and went into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 445.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.