May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 233 – *Maryland Council on Advancement of School–Based Health Centers*.

This bill transfers the Maryland Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers from the State Department of Education to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. This bill requires the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission to provide staff support for the Council and authorizes the Commission to seek expert assistance in school-based health care to provide additional staffing resources to the Commission and Council. In addition, the Council is required to report certain findings and recommendations to the Commission on or before December 31 of each year.

House Bill 221, 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 233.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. Governor