

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 1144 – *Procurement Preferences – Blind Industries and Services of Maryland – Janitorial Products*.

This bill clarifies the existing requirement that a prime contractor on a State contract that includes housekeeping or janitorial services procure janitorial products from Blind Industries and Services of Maryland applies only if the products are made, manufactured, remanufactured, or assembled by Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, and are available.

House Bill 1446, 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 1144.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor