

May 25, 2018

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 138 – *Environment – U.S. Climate Alliance – Membership*.

This bill requires the Governor to include Maryland as a member of the U.S. Climate Alliance by July 1, 2018, and stipulates that withdrawal from the alliance is conditional on statutory approval from the General Assembly. The bill also requires the Governor to report annually, beginning December 1, 2018, on the State's participation in the alliance, including any collaborations or partnerships among alliance members or external stakeholders; and, any policies or programs that the alliance has endorsed, undertaken, or considered.

House Bill 3, 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 138.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor