

May 24, 2019

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 728 – *Taxation of Online Sales – Marketplace Facilitators and Sellers of Other Tobacco Products*.

This bill requires a marketplace facilitator and a marketplace seller to collect and remit the State sales and use tax under certain circumstances, and establishes tax collection and licensing requirements for marketplace facilitators and marketplace sellers.

This bill also alters the distribution of sales and use tax revenues by requiring that for each fiscal year 1) the first \$100 million in sales taxes collected from marketplace facilitators and certain out-of-state vendors be distributed to the general fund; and 2) revenues in excess of \$100 million from these sales taxes be distributed to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund. Additionally, this bill requires specified out-of-state sellers to pay the tobacco tax on pipe tobacco and premium cigars on which the tobacco tax has not been paid.

House Bill 1301, which was passed by the General Assembly and will become law without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 728.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor