May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 268 - *Local Government - Tri-County Council for Western Maryland – Membership*.

This bill alters the membership of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland; alters the method by which specified members are selected for membership to the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland; and provides for specified limitations on the terms of at-large members of the Tri-County Council.

Senate Bill 334, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 268.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor