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 395 - *Maryland Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2006*.

This bill provides for an income tax credit for renewable energy to cover facilities placed in service on or after January 1, 2006, but before January 1, 2011; expands the definition of qualified energy resources under the credit; requires the Maryland Energy Administration to issue initial credit certificates to qualified energy producers under specified circumstances; and allows the credit to be claimed in addition to the federal income tax credit for renewable energy.

Senate Bill 314, 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 395.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor