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 870 - *At-Risk Youth Prevention and Diversion Programs*.

This bill establishes an Advisory Council to the Children's Cabinet; establishes the purpose of the Advisory Council; and specifies the requirements for at-risk prevention and diversion programs.

Senate Bill 882, 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 870.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor