

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 1156 – *Rural Broadband Communication Services*.

This bill establishes the Maryland Rural Broadband Coordination Board; requires the Board and affected units of State government to cooperate with specified entities in a specified manner for the establishment of rural broadband telecommunication services in rural and underserved areas; and establishes a Rural Broadband Assistance Fund as a special fund in the Department of Business and Economic Development for specified purposes.

Senate Bill 753, 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 1156.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor