

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 1161 – *Victim's Rights - Leave to Appeal - Delinquent Acts*.

This bill adds to the list of statutes that secure rights to victims of a violent crime, in accordance with which a victim may file an application for leave to appeal from an order that denies or fails to consider such a right; and alters the definition of "violent crime" in the statute relating to appeal rights of victims of a violent crime to include a delinquent act that would be a crime of violence if committed by an adult.

Senate Bill 508, 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 1161.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor