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 1345 - *Transportation Funding - Mass Transit - Funding Study*.

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct specified analyses of the operating and capital funding needs for transit over a specified period of time; and requires the Department to review the funding structures of specified transit services across the country and in specified cities outside the United States.

Senate Bill 850, 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 1345.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor