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 1588 - *Environment - Patuxent River Watershed*.

This bill requires specified upgrades to specified sewage treatment plants in the Patuxent River watershed by specified dates under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 379, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1588.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor