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 1725 - *Howard County - Annexation of Land in Columbia*.

This bill authorizes, under specified circumstances, a specified parcel of land subject to a specified deed, agreement, and declaration, and located in a specified area of Howard County that is not part of a village or town center, to be annexed into the village or town center in which the parcel of land is located.

Senate Bill 1089, 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 1725.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor