May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 406 - *Open Meetings Act - Administrative Function - Reporting Requirement*.

This bill renames the executive function exclusion under the Open Meetings Act as an exclusion for administrative functions; and requires a public body that recesses an open session to carry out an administrative function in a meeting that is not open to the public to include specified information in the minutes of its next open session.

House Bill 698, 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 Senate Bill 406.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor