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 462 - Law Enforcement Agencies - Prohibition Against Arrest and Citation Quotas.

This bill prohibits a law enforcement agency from establishing a quota for the agency or law enforcement officers of the agency for making arrests or issuing citations; and prohibits a law enforcement agency from using the number of arrests made or citations issued by a law enforcement officer as the sole or primary criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer.

House Bill 13, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 462.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor