

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 709 - *Libraries - County Library Capital Project Grants*.

This bill establishes a grant program in the State Department of Education to assist in the funding of county library capital projects; requires the Division of Library Development and Services in the Department to develop and administer the program; requires a grant application to contain specified information; requires the State Board of Education to approve specified projects by a specified date; and requires the Governor to fund the program.

House Bill 1380, 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 709.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor