

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 884 – *Procurement - Minority Business Participation*.

This bill continues until July 1, 2011, the provisions of the State Procurement Law relating to procurement from minority businesses; and requires a study and a final report on the study of the Minority Business Enterprise Program to be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee before September 30, 2010.

House Bill 869, 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 884.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor