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 960 - *Benefits and Services for Individuals Who Are Incarcerated or Institutionalized - Work Group Report*.

This bill extends to October 1, 2006, the date by which a work group convened by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is required to issue a final report including specified findings and recommendations.

House Bill 1594, 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 960.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor