May 17, 2007

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1106 - Homeowners Insurance - Insurance Producers - Notice of Coverage for Flood Loss - Statement of Additional Optional Coverage.

This bill repeals provisions requiring an insurance producer to provide an applicant for homeowner's insurance with notice that the policy does not cover flood losses. The bill leaves intact the requirement that an insurer provide such notice. The bill also specifies that the statement an insurer must give to an applicant about optional coverage does not give rise to a private cause of action.

Senate Bill 790, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1106.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor