May 22, 2008

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 483 – *Harford County* – *Special Taxing Districts* – *Creation*.

This bill authorizes Harford County to create special taxing districts for developing and financing infrastructure improvements. The county may impose *ad valorem* taxes and issue bonds and other obligations to finance the improvement projects. Special taxing districts must be in a designated growth area as defined in the county master plan and land use element plan.

Senate Bill 793, 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 483.

Sincerely,

Governor