May 22, 2008

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 212 – *Reorganization of State Government – Department of Information Technology*.

This bill establishes the Department of Information Technology as a principal unit of the Executive Branch. This bill also provides for the qualifications, appointment, powers, duties, and salary of the Secretary of Information Technology. Further, the bill requires the Secretary to provide an annual report on technology development projects to the Department of Legislative Services.

House Bill 362, 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 212.

Sincerely,

Governor