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 $953 - Garrett\ County - Local\ Tax - Date\ of\ Payment.$

This bill alters the date by which the Garrett County Commissioners must make payments from the special fire tax levy to volunteer fire departments, from September 1 to December and June of each year.

House Bill 1566, 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 953.

Sincerely,

Governor