May 19, 2009

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 43 – Talbot County – School Buses – Length of Operation.

This bill exempts Talbot County from the requirement that conventional school buses more than 12 years old meet specific standards and be approved for use by the State Superintendent of Schools. The bill allows conventional school buses in Talbot County to operate for 15 years before these requirements apply.

Senate Bill 29, 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 43.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor