May 19, 2009

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 172 – Maryland Homeowners Association Act – Closed Meetings of Homeowners Association.

Senate Bill 172 repeals a specified condition on which a meeting of the board of directors or other governing body of a homeowners association or a committee of a homeowners association may be held in closed session. The bill also alters conditions on which a meeting of a governing body or committee of a homeowners association may be held in closed session.

House Bill 552, 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 172.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor