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 767 – Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services in Anne Arundel County – Agreements with Federal Government – Reimbursement.

This bill requires, in Anne Arundel County, that any agreement entered into under a specified provision of law between a fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity and the federal government, to provide fire fighting or rescue activities on property under the jurisdiction of the United States, shall include a provision that entitles the fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entity to obtain reimbursement from the appropriate federal authority for all or part of the cost.

House Bill 953, 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 767.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor