May 20, 2010

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 623 – Allegany County – Property Tax Credit – Memorial Hilltop Centre.

This bill authorizes the governing body of Allegany County or of a municipal corporation in Allegany County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county and the municipal corporation property tax imposed on specified property located in a specified area. It provides for a specified limitation on the tax credit and authorizes the governing body of Allegany County or of a municipal corporation in Allegany County to provide, by law, for provisions necessary to carry out the credit. The bill also makes the tax credit applicable to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2010.

Senate 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 House Bill 623.

Sincerely,

Governor