May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H–101 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 1343 – *Economic Development – Tri–County Council for Western Maryland – Membership and Leadership*.

This bill alters the membership of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland and establishes an Executive Committee for the Council. This provides for the Executive Committee's officers and terms of office and defines "member county" and also provides for the initial membership of the Executive Committee.

Senate Bill 975, 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 1343.

Sincerely,

Governor