

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 406 – *Washington County – Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund – Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility*.

This bill repeals specified provisions of law relating to the Washington County Water and Sewer Debt Reduction Fund and requires the County Commissioners of Washington County to ensure service of the debt for the Conococheague Industrial Pretreatment Facility from the Washington County general fund and revenues generated by the pretreatment facility. This bill prohibits the County Commissioners from using the debt service costs for the facility as a factor in the establishment or adjustment of water and sewer rates.

Senate Bill 392, 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 406.

Sincerely,

Governor