May 22, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate H–107 State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 333 – *Garrett County – Hotel Rental Tax*.

This bill authorizes Garrett County to increase the hotel rental tax rate from 5% to 6%. The bill also alters the definition of "transient charge", as it relates to a hotel rental tax imposed on transient charges collected by specified hotels in Garrett County.

House Bill 224, 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 333.

Sincerely,

Governor