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 670 – Washington County – Tip Jars – Accountability and Oversight.

This bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Washington County to require that the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association submit financial reports; authorizes the county commissioners to adopt specified regulations; authorizes the county commissioners to withhold funds under specified circumstances; requires the Association to submit its budget to the county commissioners annually; and prohibits specified funds from being used for specified fire and rescue services.

House Bill 1005, 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 670.

Sincerely,

Governor