

May 16, 2013

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 151 – *Task Force on the Implementation of Tax Benefits for Emergency Preparedness Equipment*.

This bill establishes the Task Force to Study the Implementation of Tax Benefits for Emergency Preparedness Equipment and provides for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force. This bill requires the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding which members of the population would benefit from the implementation of an income tax credit to purchase electric generators or a tax-free period for emergency preparedness equipment, and other matters, and also requires a report on or before December 1, 2013.

Senate Bill 481, 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 151.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley