

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 1124 – *Public Safety – Gas Pipelines – Implementation of Federal Pipeline Safety Laws*.

This bill requires the Public Service Commission to evaluate a specified process and criteria that the U.S. Secretary of Transportation would use to review an application for the Commission to act under a specified certification or agreement with the U.S. Secretary of Transportation as an interstate authority agent for the purpose of implementing specified federal pipeline safety laws. The bill also requires the Commission to make a specified determination and take specified actions necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

Senate Bill 863, 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 1124.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley