

May 12, 2015

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 664 – *Frederick County Property Tax Fairness Act of 2015 (Strengthening Frederick Municipalities)*.

This bill removes Frederick County from the list of counties required to grant specified property tax setoffs to municipal corporations; requires the governing body of Frederick County to annually meet and discuss with the governing body of each municipal corporation in the county the county property tax rate to be set for assessments of property; and requires, if the county and the municipal corporation fail to reach an agreement, the county to grant a tax setoff in accordance with the formula used in the preceding taxable year.

Senate Bill 886, 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 664.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.