

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 966 – *Electric Universal Service Program – Unexpended Funds*.

This bill provides that the Public Service Commission has oversight responsibility over certain expenditures of the electric universal service program and requires the Department of Human Resources to expend certain funds collected for the program in certain fiscal years for certain purposes, including bill assistance and arrearage retirement, targeted weatherization, or arrearage management. This bill also establishes that the Commission may defer the return of certain funds for a certain number of years, and requires the Commission to establish a certain rate credit for the return of certain unexpended funds on or before a certain date. In addition, this bill establishes a joint legislative workgroup to monitor the disbursements made under the bill.

House Bill 1002, 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 966.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor