

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 145 – *State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders*.

This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry in the Maryland Department of Labor to issue a stop work order to a public works contractor or subcontractor that may have violated the State's prevailing wage law. The bill also requires the commissioner to promptly conduct an investigation of compliance with prevailing wage requirements if the commissioner receives a complaint of a violation or is otherwise made aware of a possible violation. In addition, the bill provides guidelines for penalties, civil fines, and appeals.

Senate Bill 1, which was passed by the General Assembly and vetoed by me, accomplishes the same purpose.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor