

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
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 1476 - *Caregivers - Voluntary Tax Withholding*.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide voluntary withholding of specified taxes for specified self-employed providers in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

Senate Bill 754, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1476.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor