

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 1501 – *Higher Education - Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland – Authority*.

This bill authorizes the Maryland Higher Education Commission to review and comment on the operating and capital budgets of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University only within the broad context of the State Plan for Higher Education; prohibits the Commission from recommending against a specified budget item except under specified circumstances; and exempts specified capital improvements made by Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland from the Capital Improvement Program.

Senate Bill 444, 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 1501.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor