

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 640 - *Revenue Collection – Offsets*.

This bill authorizes the Comptroller to withhold tax refunds and other payments owed by the State to specified persons, including vendors doing business with the federal government, and to pay amounts to an agency of the federal government that has certified the delinquent nontax liabilities of specified persons.

House Bill 448, 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 Senate Bill 640.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor