

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 844 - *Protected Lands - Local Land Use Applications - County Authority*.

This bill authorizes a county or municipal corporation to deny applications for local land use, under specified circumstances, when the land is protected under specified land conservation programs within the Department of Natural Resources.

House Bill 1277, 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 844.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor