

May 17, 2007

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 2 - *State Employees Rights and Protections Act of 2007*.

This bill requires the Secretary of Budget and Management to designate specified positions in State government as special appointment positions. It clarifies that at-will State employees cannot be terminated for any reason that is illegal or unconstitutional. Under the bill, all executive branch employees must be notified of their position classification and associated rights every six months. Finally, the bill requires the Department of Legislative Services to study at-will employment and make recommendations for legislation and administrative changes to the State's personnel systems.

House Bill 162, 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 2.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor