

May 22, 2008

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 1555 – *Baltimore City Land Bank Authority*.

This bill authorizes Baltimore City to establish a land bank authority for the purpose of acquiring, rehabilitating, or transferring real property or an interest in real property. The bill prohibits the land bank authority from exercising eminent domain actions or levying any tax. The bill further authorizes Baltimore City to take specified actions by ordinance to provide for the disposition of property and obligations of the authority on its termination.

Senate Bill 911, 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 1555.

Sincerely,

Governor