May 17, 2007

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 442 - *Potomac River Fisheries Commission - Commissioner Compensation*.

This bill authorizes the members of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to receive up to \$250 in compensation for each day or portion of a day spent in the performance of their duties. The bill also provides that the members of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission may not receive more than \$1,500 in compensation in any year and further provides that the Act does not apply to the compensation of the incumbent members of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission from Maryland. Finally, the bill provides that its provisions take effect upon enactment of similar legislation in Virginia.

Senate Bill 282, 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 442.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor