May 26, 2017

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H–101 State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 644 – *Independent Living Tax Credit Act*.

This bill allows an individual a credit against the State income tax for renovation or construction costs incurred while improving accessibility and universal visitability features, within existing homes, to assist individuals with disabilities. This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the tax credit.

Senate Bill 180, 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 644.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. Governor