

May 12, 2015

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, today I have vetoed House Bill 130 – *African American Heritage Preservation Program – Reestablishment and Revisions*.

This bill reestablishes the African American Heritage Preservation Program in the Maryland Historical Trust to identify and preserve buildings, communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in the State; requires the Trust to develop and administer the Program in partnership with the Commission on African American History and Culture; and requires the Governor, for each fiscal year, to include \$1,000,000 for the Program in the annual operating or capital budget.

Senate Bill 601, 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 130.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.