

May 27, 2016

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 262 – *Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund – Distributions – Alteration*.

This bill increases the amount of funding required to be included in the annual State budget for the Senior Citizen Activities Center Operating Fund to \$750,000, requires that \$400,000 of the Fund be distributed to counties based on each county's share of the senior citizen population, provides a minimum distribution of \$5,000 per county, and requires \$250,000 of the Fund be distributed to distressed counties in a specified manner.

Senate Bill 98, which was passed by the General Assembly and went into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 262.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.