

May 27, 2016

The Honorable Thomas V. Miller, Jr.
Senate President
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1172 – *Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund*.

This bill establishes the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to provide grants and loans to anchor institutions for community development projects in blighted areas of the State and requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund. The bill also requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund for fiscal years 2018 through 2022.

House Bill 1400, 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 Senate Bill 1172.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.