

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the House  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Speaker Jones:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 86 – *Transportation – Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act – Alterations*.

For two months, my Administration has been singularly focused on battling the COVID-19 pandemic. The State will have a difficult path ahead to get our economy back to where it was prior to this crisis. After Comptroller Peter Franchot announced that the state will find itself with an estimated \$2.8 billion budget shortfall I immediately implemented a number of significant fiscal measures to address this issue. I directed all state agencies to implement an immediate budget and hiring freezes, and I directed the Office of Budget analysis to send all state agencies budget reduction targets for FY 2021. Considering our current economic conditions, implementation of House Bill 86 is not financially feasible nor responsible at this time.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 86.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor