

May 7, 2020

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with Article II Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 669/House Bill 1095 – *Public Health – Prescription Drug Affordability Board Fund*, House Bill 732 – *Taxation – Tobacco Tax, Sales and Use Tax, and Digital Advertising Gross Revenues Tax*, and House Bill 932 – *21st-Century Economy Fairness Act*.

These misguided bills would raise taxes and fees on Marylanders at a time when many are already out of work and financially struggling. With our state in the midst of a global pandemic and economic crash, and just beginning on our road to recovery, it would be unconscionable to raise taxes and fees now. To do so would further add to the very heavy burden that our citizens are already facing.

For all of these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 669, House Bill 1095, House Bill 732, and House Bill 932.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan Jr.
Governor