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Matthew Page Andrews
849 Park Avenue
Baltimore, Md.

845 Park Avenue
Baltimore, Md.
January 28, 1939

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor
Annapolis
Maryland

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

Noticing that the bill to make Randall's "Maryland, My Maryland" the official State anthem is again up before the General Assembly, I feel that we can count on you not to veto it, as did your predecessor.

On the other hand, you certainly would be justified in vetoing any imitation, as proposed by some.

We may placidly await official State sanction for Randall's song, as we did national action on the "Star-Spangled Banner". But never should we permit the indignity of a substitution for the original verses which are our rightful heritage--and the greatest of all State songs.

Above my desk I have the original letter of the distinguished New England poet-author, Oliver Wendell Holmes, who wrote to Mr. Charles Strain on January 26, 1886 regretting that he "could not write a 'Massachusetts, My Massachusetts' that would be as musical and as effective." Not only is Randall's poem the greatest of State songs, but the equal of any national anthem written by anyone anywhere.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Page Andrews

P.S. I am sending you, with my compliments, a copy of Randall's Poems, which I ^{compiled and} edited shortly after his death, with historical introductions thereto.

M.P.A.

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GOVERNOR HERBERT R OCONOR=NS=

TELEGRAM JUST RECEIVED APPRECIATE SIGNING ACT RECOGNIZING
MARYLAND MY MARYLAND AS OFFICIAL STATE ANTHEM. KINDEST
REGARDS AND BEST WISHES=

=CHARLES F ARGABRIGHT.

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

April 26, 1939

For
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Charles F. Argabright,
4626 Shenley Road,
Baltimore, Md.

Pleased to advise that I have just signed act recognizing Maryland My Maryland as official State anthem. Kindest regards.

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor

CHARLES F. ARGABRIGHT.
4626 Shenley Road,
Baltimore, Md.



HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

April 20th, 1939.

Hon. Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor,
Annapolis,
Maryland.

Your Excellency;

Being the sponsor of House Bill 374
Chapter 451 legalizing "Maryland My Maryland" as the
State song, together with the Federated Music Clubs
of Baltimore City and the State, comprising about
four thousand members, we ask that you give this
bill your most earnest consideration for your signa-
ture by the 23rd of this month if possible, as this
date is the anniversary of the writing of this poem
by James Ryder Randall. We feel that it would be a
very fitting time for your Excellency to make this
poem our legal State Song on or before this date, if
it is at all possible for you to do so consistently
with your views on this Subject.

Most respectfully,

Charles F. Argabright

For
H.B. 374
Ch. 451

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April 26, 1939

Mrs. Paul Criblet,
618 Highland Ave.
Towson, Md.

Pleased to advise that I have just signed act recognizing Maryland My Maryland as official State anthem. Kindest regards.

Governor Herbert R. O'Connor

Bill to make
"my Maryland" official
State Song
HB 394
ch 451

The Woman's Club of Towson

Towson, Maryland

618 Highland Avenue

Towson, Maryland

16 April, 1939.

To his Excellency Herbert O'Conor,
Governor of Maryland

Annapolis,
Maryland.

Dear Governor O'Conor,

I know that the bill for making "Maryland, my Maryland" the official State Song, was passed by both Houses. I have been eagerly awaiting news that you have signed it. As April 23rd is the anniversary of the date on which the poem was written, it would be a most appropriate time for

making this bill a law. I venture to
hope that you will take this action.

In making this request I
speak officially for the Maryland
State Federation of Music Clubs
which sponsored the bill, and
unofficially for many members of
the Women's Club of Towson.

I am, sir,

Very respectfully yours

Louise Cribbet

(Mrs Paul Cribbet)

Mrs. Robert Newton Krebs

(over)

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Governor O'Connor I would
like to have your autograph
Chapter 451 of House Bill so
that it can be placed with
the collection of "Maryland:
My Maryland". It was nice of you
to approve of Bill on April 26th
the anniversary of the song.

Rich A. Kubs.

Repair Dept. Hall of Records.