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Letter from University of Maryland School  
of Pharmacy on H.B. 1636

April 15, 1974

The Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Mandel:

I would like to urge you to veto House Bill 1636. This bill, which would require pharmacists to place the label, "This medication may impair your driving ability," when certain drugs are dispensed would not be an effective law. First, not all the types of drugs that are listed will necessarily impair driving ability. In addition, those drugs that might impair driving ability cause varying effects in patients, and it should be the judgment of the physician or pharmacist to determine which prescription should be so labeled. This is presently done by both practitioners. I would like to also point out that there are some drugs that are not listed in this bill that may have an adverse effect on driving habits of individuals.

If this bill was intended to primarily aid police in their efforts to detail whether a particular drug is causing an impairment of driving ability, I would suggest that there are other more effective ways that this could be accomplished.

Sincerely,  
/s/ William J. Kinnard, Jr.  
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Letter from Maryland Board of Pharmacy on H.B. 1636

April 22, 1974

The Honorable Marvin Mandel  
Governor of Maryland  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Mandel:

The Commissioners of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy respectfully request you veto House Bill 1636 of the 1974 General Assembly Session.