shall be greater than fifty miles per hour, and the provisions of this Order shall apply notwithstanding any greater maximum speed limits which may be lawfully in effect prior to the effective date of this Order.

- 5. The State Department of Transportation and all other appropriate governmental authorities are directed to prepare and post, as soon as possible, appropriate signs on the affected highways giving notice of the maximum speed limit ordered herein.
- 6. Any operation of a vehicle on the highways within the State in excess of fifty miles per hour shall be a violation of the provisions of Article 66 1/2, Section 11-801(a) and Section 11-801(b), and shall subject the person operating the vehicle to the procedures and penalties provided for violations of Article 66 1/2, Section 11-801(a) and 11-801 (b), as well as subjecting such person to the penalties provided in Article 41, Section 15B, for violations of this Order.

November 21, 1973

Honorable Marvin Mandel Governor State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Mandel:

Pursuant to the responsibility placed on the Joint Standing Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review by Chapter 1 of the Acts of the Second Special Session of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1973, the Committee must receive and consider Executive Orders promulgated by virtue of the presently existing energy crisis.

On November 19, 1973, the members of the Committee received copies of the Executive Order which states that, except where a lesser maximum speed limit is required by or established in accordance with Article 66 1/2 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, fifty miles per hour is declared to be the maximum lawful speed on the highways within the State; and, subject only to the exemptions and privileges otherwise granted by law to authorized emergency vehicles, no person shall operate a vehicle in excess of fifty miles per hour on any highway within the State.