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is potentially damaging. Currently sales of various services and commodities provided by certain groups are exempt from imposition of the sales tax as are sales to certain organizations. However, none of the present sales tax exemptions apply to sales at a specified location or proprietorship.

My concern that enactment of this bill will lead to a proliferation of specific business exemptions is heightened by the fact that House Bill 1141 was itself subjected to such proliferation as a result of the adoption of an amendment that provides for yet a third exemption beyond the two exemptions that were listed in the bill as it was originally introduced.

While I am appreciative of the fine work being performed by volunteers at the sites mentioned in this bill, I am persuaded that its enactment would be but a prelude to numerous other sites seeking similar exemptions.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

House Bill No. 1176

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Tax Credits - Newly Constructed Dwellings

FOR the purpose of eliminating changing the automatic expiration provision of the tax credit for unsold or unrented newly constructed dwellings in Howard County.

May 27, 1980

Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1176.

This measure would extend until 1982 the tax credit which Howard County is authorized to grant for unsold and unrented newly constructed dwellings.