WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

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 250.

This bill increases funding for Program Open Space to \$29 million in fiscal year 1988 and \$32 million in subsequent years. The bill also dedicates \$5 million to Agricultural Land Preservation, \$1 million to Heritage Conservation and \$1 million to Outdoor Recreation Land Loan Act.

Senate Bill 238, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1987, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 250.

Sincerely, William Donald Schaefer Governor

House Bill No. 250

AN ACT concerning

Program Open Space - <u>State Transfer Tax -</u> Allocation of Funds

FOR the purpose of raising by certain amounts in certain fiscal years the amounts of certain transfer tax revenues allocated to Program Open Space; allocating certain amounts of State transfer tax revenues to certain purposes; repealing certain deadline after which transfer tax revenues would no longer be allocated to Program Open Space; providing-for-the appropriation--of--certain--proportions--of---transfer---tax revenues---allocated--to--Program--Open--Space--for--certain purposes; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to consult with certain legislators concerning certain recommendations for certain Program Open Space projects; repealing certain obsolete provisions; providing for certain consultation between certain departments in developing certain recommendations for allocation of transfer tax revenues allocated to Program Open Space; amending the date by which certain local jurisdictions must make certain submissions concerning their Program Open Space annual programs; providing-for-a-delayed-effective-date-for-certain provisions-of-this-Act; repealing a certain termination date of Program Open Space; and generally relating to the