and, at the end of June 30, [2002] 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1, 2002, the Public Service Commission and the Department of Human Resources shall study and report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Environmental Matters Committee on:
- (1) the level of participation in the universal service program during fiscal year 2002;
 - (2) the projected needs of the program for fiscal years 2003 and 2004;
- (3) the amounts expended from the universal service program fund during fiscal year 2002;
- (4) the amounts of surplus carried over in the universal service program fund from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2003 under this Act;
- (5) any difficulties that the Commission expects in complying with § 7-512.1(h) of the Public Utility Companies Article at the end of fiscal year 2003; and
- (6) recommendations for simplifying the process of reducing the universal service charge for customers when there are unexpended funds in the universal service program fund at the end of a fiscal year.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 30, 2002. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 day and, at the end of June 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 833 - Income Tax - Filing Returns.

This bill provides that if the due date for a federal income tax return which is filed electronically is later than April 15, the due date for a Maryland income tax return is the same as the federal due date if the Maryland return is filed electronically and if the balance due with the return is paid electronically.

House Bill 1315, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me,