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Dear Friends,

As the 2007 legislative session ends, I wanted to give you all an update on the work I've been doing here in Annapolis. I have had a lot of legislative success this year, including passing [a Pharmacy Fairness bill](#), [getting funding for the National Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial](#), [making important modifications to the Commercial Nondiscrimination act](#), [insuring fuel gas piping is properly installed](#), and [re-establishing the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight](#) of which I am a co-chair.

I was also able to get a state-wide [Living Wage bill passed](#). This has been a three year odyssey for me, as I submitted similar legislation in 2004 only to see it vetoed by Governor Ehrlich. With a new Governor I resubmitted the bill with some amendments, and look forward to the new governor signing it into law. You can read more about this story in an article written by the [Washington Post](#).

I also wanted to call your attention to one of the pieces of legislation that I submitted this session that did not get through, HB 1069. This bill was a comprehensive internet non-discrimination act. I withdrew this bill because of serious opposition due to a misinformation campaign by several lobbying groups, but I plan to resubmit this legislation again next year. I would encourage you to take a look at an article from my local [Gazette](#), or an [interview](#) I gave on the subject at. This issue was brought to my attention by a small group of passionate friends and constituents. The internet is an invaluable resource, and together we are working to ensure that it is free of discrimination.

If you have an issue that is important to you I would like to encourage you to contact my office. I hope you are all doing well, and I look forward to catching up with you now that the madness of Session is over for the year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Herman L. Taylor, Jr.".

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