

1 Marylanders of this generation and of many, many generations
2 to come.

3 While we could not possibly satisfy all Mary-
4 landers in every respect with a single document, we have
5 produced in my opinion a sound Constitution which will
6 satisfy a majority of Marylanders on most points. The
7 document was carefully conceived and required hours of
8 patient deliberation. It is a blend of the variety of
9 viewpoints and experiences represented at this Convention.
10 I feel confident as I express my wholehearted approval for
11 this Constitution, with my signature, that a vast majority
12 of Maryland citizens this May 14 will likewise approve this
13 document with their votes.

14 It is fitting that the drafting and signing of
15 this new State charter should take place in Maryland's
16 historic State House. Over 180 years ago the Old Senate
17 Chamber witnessed the signing of another historic document,
18 the Peace of Paris, which ended the Revolution and gave the
19 thirteen colonies their independence. A few years later
20 from this State House the Annapolis Convention issued the
21 call to the states which led to the framing of the United