

3/5/2024

To: The Honorable members of the House Government Operations (HGO) Committee

Re: Support for HB1421

Dear Committee members:

i am writing to support HB 1421.

Our relationship to food is a sacred relationship. Many of us honor God through the food we eat and share with our family and friends. We express this honor by not consuming food whose seed has been genetically modified or consuming food that uses any ingredient or process that involves genetic modification. It is extremely important that the citizens of Maryland be able to easily avoid the purchase of these items through clear labeling. I also believe that the labeling requirement should apply to any undisclosed ingredients that fall under the GRAS (generally regarded as safe) rules that may utilize genetic modification in their production.

Only after the consumer is properly informed through clear labeling, can they then make an informed decision if they want to purchase the product.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of HB 1421.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Finglass", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brian Finglass