

**February 16, 2022**

**HB0700 - Environment - Products and Packaging - Labeling, Marketing, and Recycling**

**Position: FAVORABLE with AMENDMENTS**

**Submitting: Lee McNair, Co-leader, Cedar Lane Environmental Justice Ministry (CLEJM), Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda**

**CLEJM supports HB0700 with the additional amendments that Delegate Love is submitting. We encourage a FAVORABLE outcome in committee.**

**It is advantageous to both our citizens and our governing bodies to understand which products and packaging are authentically able to be recycled.**

**Most of our population truly wants to support recycling programs but they are not the experts in this field. They depend on clear and honest labeling to understand which items can actually be recycled. We do not wish to dishearten our residents less they lose confidence in both business and government.**

**Additionally, having to spend time and money cleaning up the recycle stream and often losing much that could have been recycled because it has become contaminated with items that should not have been in the stream is not advantageous or profitable to either**

**business or government.**

**CLEJM urges the committee to adopt Delegate Love's proposed amendments and to then provide a FAVORABLE decision in committee.**

**CLEJM thanks the committee for it's work and for this opportunity to share our views with you.**