

March 10, 2023

To the Honorable Committee members:

Re: I support a FAVORABLE vote on HB 1161

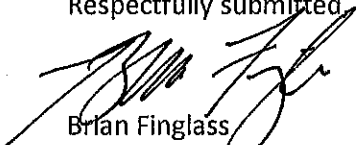
Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please give your FAVORABLE vote on HB 1161. Medical care and treatment should never be a one size fits all approach. We all have our unique health issues and the choice to have certain medical treatments can only be decided by each individual as the treatment may be right for some and wrong for others.

But how is one to make an informed decision without all of the information....the positives and the negatives? Informed consent, which is a cornerstone of American medical ethics, must include all of the information about the product, potential adverse events and the legal standing to sue for damages. Additionally, consent can only be obtained if there is no pressure or coercion and all of the information is presented and understood by the patient.

Christina did not have all the information about the HPV vaccine and if she did, she may have made a different decision and would still be here physically with us today. She is however with us in a very profound way through this important legislation (HB 1161) which includes her name. Let us honor her memory and honor the citizens of Maryland by giving them all of the information that will help them make the best decision for themselves and their family.

Respectfully submitted



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