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LD 1257

Good Morning Members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, I am writing in support of LD 1257. For years I have advocated for full and honest labeling of genetically modified products. As more and more products come into our grocery stores it becomes increasingly difficult to determine what is GMO free. Despite FDA, EPA, USDA rules and regulations and advisories consumers should have the right to know what they are actually consuming and to decide if they want to add genetically modified organisms to their diet. I would also urge you to amend this bill to lift the qualification on labeling produce which states that labeling of produce cannot go into effect unless other states pass similar legislation. It is time for Maine to lead on this just as we are leading on the Stewardship Program for Packaging. I hope you will vote in favor of an amended LD 1257 so that I and others have the information we need to make informed choices. Thank you.