

Angie Lake

From: Colleen Ford <cgkford@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:18 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: State Grain

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From: Jean Wilson <jeanofarc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 1:31 AM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Support for 2021-HIB-4596

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I ask that you support this bill as it is very important to me. it will help bring attention and funding for the wetlands of our beautiful and worth preserving Michigama, as the Ojibwe called it, meaning large lake. In the origin story the people were told to follow the food that grows on water till they reached the great lakes and settled. Manoomin was an essential part of survival and still is very culturally significant in Native American culture. Once abundant all along the shores, mostly is gone now and it would be a fantastic effort to improve the environment that it will thrive again.

Manoomin (*Zizania palustris* and *Zizania aquatica*), also known as Michigan wild rice, is designated as the official native grain of this state. Let it be known that Manoomin is a sacred and important component to many wetlands, and has a cultural significance to many people of this state. Including me and my Ancestors.

Thank You,
Jean Wilson
4203 Lincoln
Detroit, MI 48208
313-377-4203

Angie Lake

From: Logan Byrne <electbyrne@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: House Bill 4596

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Dear Ms. Lake,

My name is Logan Byrne and I am a state house candidate for Michigan's 77th House District. I want to express my support for House Bill 4596, which will name Manoomin as the official native grain of Michigan. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Logan Byrne, Esq.
(810) 627-3963

Angie Lake

From: jschlicht@cleanwater.org
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 6:14 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Support for HB 4596

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Good Evening:

I would like to submit my support for HB 4596 in committee today in the House. As an ecologically and culturally important native grain, Michigan would do well to join our Great Lakes neighbors of Minnesota and Wisconsin by recognizing the value of manoomin (wild rice). Recognition by the state would help increase recognition statewide and aid in education and conservation efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Schlicht

612 N Congress
Ypsilanti MI 48197

Angie Lake

From: Gerald Fisher <paddlebearer@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 5:33 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Manoomin bill

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I support the bill to make wild rice the official grain of the State of Michigan.

Gerald Fisher
4673 Madison Street
Dearborn Heights, MI 48125

Angie Lake

From: Cathy Willermet <willermet@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 5:29 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: Support for Manoomin Bill HB 4596

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Hello! I am writing in support of Manoomin Bill HB 4596, to make this important grain Michigan's Native Grain. This wild rice plant has important symbolic and economic value. Thank you for recording this in the official minutes.

Sincerely,

Cathy Willermet

Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

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Angie Lake

From: Rebecca Terpening <rterpening@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 5:26 PM
To: Angie Lake
Subject: HB 4596

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Please support HB 4596 that would make Manoomin the official grain of Michigan. It is very important to the indigenous people in the State of Michigan and should be protected with their Treaty Rights giving them the right to harvest it for many generations to come.

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Rebecca A. Terpening
Clare, MI