

I am a registered voter in CT.

Every person should have a right to know what is in their food. The reason we list the ingredients is so that we can make an informed choice in our food selection that takes into account the inclusion or exclusion of certain ingredients, whether for health, religious beliefs or lifestyle choices. The labelling of Genetically Modified ingredients should be required to protect the intent that ingredient labelling provides us with: the right to know what's in our food. If our food, in its most basic form, has been genetically altered, with no widespread study of the effects, the public at the very least should have the right to make an informed choice. The only reason not to label GMO foods is because you think people don't need the right to have informed choice. EVERY citizen has the right to informed choice. It is not a manufacturer's right or seed producer's right to hide or conceal the properties of a food ingredient, most especially when it concerns the ingestion of DNA-modified foods. If some random occurrence (like a chemical spill or nuclear accident) happened that exposed corn or potatoes or some other food to genetic mutation, companies responsible for allowing that product to market would be accountable. There would be strictly-controlled studies for long term effects on the health effects. Just because a company INITIATES the practice does not make it inherently good. There should have been studies on this food and understanding the health effects on people, animals bred for food, and the environment. Now that the horse is out of the barn, the consumer has a right to know what is in their food.

You wouldn't let a known contaminant of food that causes genetic mutation go unchecked. Give people the right to make an informed choice and require LABELING OF ALL GMO foods and ingredients.

Sincerely,
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