

While I cannot attend the hearing in person please consider this email my testimony.

As a farmer, parent, educator and citizen of Connecticut I want to express my support for HB 5115. Genetically modified food should be labeled as it is in the European Union and hopefully soon in many U.S. states. The health risks of genetically modified foods are significant enough to warrant labelling. How else is a parent with children who have serious food allergies to know whether the corn chips we are buying is safe for our children. As a person who has an anaphylactic reaction to bean products I understand how the matter of labeling is a matter of life and death, literally. As an organic farmer I feel responsibility to my neighbors and my customers. We work hard and spend considerable time and resources to achieve the national organic certification. GM farming threatens this investment and lack of labeling undoes the hard work of farmers everywhere to gain the trust of our customers. I fully support HB 5115 to label genetically modified foods.

Thank you  
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