

As a consumer and mother of a young child, I am very concerned about the prevalence of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in our food. There is a growing body of scientific evidence linking the ingestion of GMO ingredients to illness. Infants and young children who are rapidly developing are particularly at risk. Yet 80% of the food on grocery store shelves in the U.S. contains GMO ingredients. That includes infant formula. The fact that labeling is not required is an outrage. Most people do not want to feed their families food from seeds tampered with in a laboratory.

I am also concerned at the rate at which GM seeds spread and cross-pollinate with non-GM seeds. It is a fact that widespread contamination of non-GM seeds has occurred. How long will it be before it is no longer possible to find corn that does not contain some amount of genetically modified material? We need labeling so consumers can vote with their wallets to prevent this from happening.

Most countries, including the E.U. countries and Japan, either ban or have strict requirements for labeling of GMO ingredients. It is time for our government to stand up for its citizens' rights to know what is in the food they are buying, and to send a message that the FDA should be protecting us and not the profits of biotechnology companies.

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