

Dear Environment Committee,

I write to you in support of Bill 5117. I have the right know what is in the food I eat; I have the right to choose to eat GMO food or not. The labeling of products containing GMO will make it possible for me to make that choice. Not being provided full information about the source of my food violates my freedom to choose what goes into my body.

I take many issues with GMO companies, the politics they support, the agricultural practices they create, and the health risks their products present. I simply would like the ability to make the decision on my own to support or not support this type of institution.

Currently it is extremely difficult or impossible to eat truly verified non- GMO food products. Labeling of GMO in the state of CT would be a huge step towards allowing people in the US the same freedom that the EU and many other countries have.

Please consider as well that Organically grown food is not necessarily GMO free and can go through a non-GMO contaminated verification process. The Non-GMO Project is a third party verification non-profit that provides non-GMO verification labeling. For more info please see: www.nongmoproject.org

Thank You for Your Time,

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