

Members of the Panel:

I am writing to express my support for the labeling of products that contain GMOs in the State of Connecticut. Consumers have a right to know what is in the food they purchase in order to make an informed decision for their families. There are many concerns about the higher rates of herbicides and pesticide use encouraged by GMO crops. In addition, a number of studies link GMO consumption with adverse health effects. Whether or not one believes enough studies have proved that GMOs are a risk to consumer health is irrelevant. The issue at stake here is a fundamental right for a consumer to know what is in the food they purchase.

About forty nations including, the European Union, Japan, Australia, Brazil, Russia and China, have all created laws requiring the labeling of GMOs. Other states in the United States are considering labeling laws as well. I expect the State of Connecticut to take a leadership role in protecting consumer rights regarding this issue.

Sincerely,
Susan Lori Rosenstein