

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Before The Health Committee
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In Support of, House Bill 6519
An Act Concerning the Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food
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My name is Joyce Acebo~Raguskus and I thank you for this opportunity to be heard. I am in support of HB6519, An Act Concerning the Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food. We the consumer have the right to full disclosure of the labeling food products to discern what we choose to ingest in our bodies and our families well being.

Genetically engineered food, GMO's genetically modified organisms gives one pause not only with environmental effects and ethics, but in exposure of herbicides dangerous to human beings. It is our right to have fully labeled food products especially when GMO's remain suspect and potentially harmful to the environment and to human living organisms...the human cell. The American Academy of Environment Medicine states that GMO's have not been even properly tested, let alone irresponsible labeling, and pose serious health risks. The long term studies must demonstrate their safety before they are consumed into human bodies.

Further, health risks have collected data that the herbicide Roundup used in GMO's have associations with carcinogen mammary tumors, the altering of digestive tracts (microorganisms), hormone disruptor's during pregnancy, weight issues, just some of the ill health findings.

We have a personal responsibility to ourselves our children and our family to read the labels on our products, however, industry and FDA have the first responsibility, to inform and disclose contents to U.S. citizens. They are in fact breaching the responsibility at the risk of health to our society and the growth of healthy families.

The Food Additive Amendment of United States Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act institutes a precautionary approach and requires that new additives to food must be demonstrated safe before they are marketed (21U.S.C.Sec321) policy.

This essential policy has not been satisfied nor has the labeling of the cunning process of genetically modified organisms been properly labeled for consumer protection.

I would ask this committee to support full disclosure of labeling of Genetically Engineered Food. We have been at risk too many years purchasing unknowns.

Thank you for all you do.
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