

## **HB 6519**

Dear Legislators,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for proposing this important legislation!!!

I am a stage 4 cancer patient, a mom and a physician that wants to know what exactly I am eating, my child is eating and what my patients are eating. As I explain to people about GMO's overwhelming the response is why isn't there a label that says its there.

Many other countries have mandatory labeling including: China, Japan, Russia, Australia, and the entire European union. After explaining GMO's to my daughter she said, " I think we should move to Europe so that we don't have to worry about what we eat."

As a physician and a scientist it is also concerning that genetically engineered foods have not been adequately tested. The FDA guidelines for GMO's are entirely voluntary, and we have no idea what these genes can do and where they might end up. I think it is unsafe and unethical to be making an experiment of me, my family and everyone in our country.

An informed choice is a fundamental right. We in Connecticut deserve the right to make an informed choice regarding the food we choose to eat.

Sincerely,

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