

Written Testimony of Martha Kelly before the Public Health Committee

In favor of HB 6519

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD

Co-chairs Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and members of the Public Health Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to support this bill.

I am Martha Kelly, a resident of Hartford. I like to eat and I like to be sure that I am eating healthy foods. I am a gardener who follows organic methods and I buy locally grown products whenever I have a choice.

I work for Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice and I am also active with the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut. I am concerned for the quality of the food supply available to people in Hartford who must rely on corner stores and small groceries.

A friend of mine is seeing a GI doctor now about complex health issues. She is suddenly experiencing multiple food allergies. The testing is expensive; she was really suffering to go so far as to be tested.

I strongly favor this HB 6519 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD.

Why is it that even Haiti had the gumption to stand up and reject a gift of GMO seeds after the devastating earthquake had laid waste their country? Somehow they knew that this "gift" was a sort of TROJAN HORSE.

http://www.naturalnews.com/029222_GMOs_Haiti.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/beverly-bell/haitian-farmers-commit-to_b_578807.html

We should take a tip from Haiti and the European Union.

I would welcome it if you went further than this modest labeling bill and banned GMO seeds entirely in CT.

Please act favorably on this measure to ensure that Connecticut's citizen's can know the truth about their foods. Please act to protect our environment and our children from the pesticides and soil depletion that follow the use of these methods.

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