

PACE HB 6519

Dear Public Health Committee Representatives:

I am writing in support of HB 6519 GMO-free CT initiative. First, let me say that I am no hippie, crunchy-granola, tree-hugging sort of individual.

I am merely a mom, concerned citizen, and registered nurse. In over twenty years of emergency room nursing, I've seen first-hand the fallout of health consequences from a diet that has become increasingly processed and manipulated.

There is a growing body of evidence (yes, at this time mostly anecdotal, but there are well-crafted studies being undertaken as I write you) that links GMOs to multiple different types of illnesses. Herbicides which are genetically spliced into GMO crops not only kill pests which reduce crop harvest, but also produce chemical residues which make their way into peoples' bodies.

I have seen interesting and scary video which shows two seemingly identical cornfields, one being organic non-GMO and one being GMO corn with built-in genetic pesticide. Time-lapse photography show a variety of creatures in the non-GMO cornfield, including bees, beetles, worms, flowers, etc. The GMO cornfield showed not a single pest. You might say, "Well what the heck is wrong with that?" I find it difficult to believe that you can only do the one thing, i.e., kill the bugs which may reduce crop yield, and not have consequences in other areas.

All I am asking is: to label GMOs. If the populace wants to buy pretty, unblemished GMO Monsanto corn and other crops, well, I guess it's their choice. For me, though it is more expensive, I try my best on a single modest income to buy organic, unprocessed, non-GMO produce and grocery products. I have a small backyard garden as well. I just want to be able to easily tell and choose what I'm putting in my and my child's body.

Please support and pass HB 6519!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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