

Dear Representative Srinivasan, I am writing tonight to ask you to vote **YES for HB 6519**, an Act Concerning the Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods. As a citizen of the United States, I have a right to know if genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are in the foods I choose to feed myself and my family. Just as I have a right to know the nutritional content of the foods I buy, I have the same right to know if the foods I buy contain GMOs.

I am not a proponent of modifying the DNA of crops such as corn, soy, cotton, canola or sugar. I did not give my approval to Monsanto and other large biotech firms to inject pesticides within the seeds of these crops to make them pest-resistant, but that is what they have been doing since 1996. If the pests that eat these crops die upon eating these genetically modified plants, what does anyone think will happen to humans when we eat them? Cancer rates are sky-high. I believe the GMOs in our food supply is one of the reasons for the rise of cancer rates in the U.S. Right now, Americans are guinea pigs for the FDA and large biotech firms.

As a consumer, I should have the opportunity to make informed choices about the food I buy to feed my family, and the labeling of all GE foods will afford me the peace of mind that I am not feeding my family anything I am not comfortable with. 62 countries currently require labeling of GE foods. The U.S., the most industrialized nation in the world, should be a part of this group of countries that informs its citizens of potentially harmful ingredients in their food supply.

Since 85% of the corn and soybeans currently grown in the U.S. are genetically engineered, the only way I will know what I am feeding my family is safe, is to label GE foods. I urge you to please support the passage of HB 6519, just as you did with HB 6527, the Act Concerning Genetically Engineered Baby Food. We, as U.S. consumers, have a right to know if GMOs are in the foods we buy.

I will be at the Public Hearing on HB 6519, and I look forward to meeting you in person, as one of your constituents, and as the wife of one of your patients. (My husband David Rose sees you in your Glastonbury office.) Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

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