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Dear Connecticut Elected Officials:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to support the 2013 GMO labeling bill, which would mandate the labeling of food containing Genetically Modified Organisms. GMOs are found in over 80% of all processed food found on the grocery store shelves in America, but because of the lack of mandated labeling, consumers are shopping and eating blind. Consumers should have the right to choose for themselves whether or not to feed their families GMOs.

GMOs were introduced into the food supply in 1996 without any long-term safety studies. In fact, the federal authorities responsible for monitoring these crops and ensuring their safety have failed to do so. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are all tasked with regulating different aspects of genetically engineered crops and foods. This patchwork of federal regulation has failed to adequately oversee and monitor genetically engineered products.

A growing body of scientific, medical, and anecdotal evidence connects GMOs with health problems, environmental damage, and violation of farmers' and consumers' rights. Over 80% of all GMOs grown worldwide are engineered for herbicide tolerance. As a result, use of toxic herbicides like Roundup has increased 15 times since GMOs were introduced.

Sixty-two Countries including Japan, China, Australia, Russia, New Zealand and the entire European Union already mandate the labeling of GMOs. Polls consistently show that a significant majority of Americans want to know if the food they're purchasing contains GMOs, but the powerful biotech lobby has succeeded in keeping this information from the public. A 2008 CBS News Poll found that 87% of consumers wanted GMOs labeled. And, according to a CBS/New York Times poll, 53% of consumers said they would not buy food that has been genetically modified.

We all have a right to know what is in our food. We support you in taking action to ensure that all Connecticut residents have a right to know what's in the food we eat by supporting this bill

requiring labeling of all GMO foods.

Sincerely,



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