

3/15/13 hearing

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To: Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing in regards to my support of House bill 6519 (labeling genetically modified food). I am very careful about the foods I put in my body, making sure I eat healthy and buy organic. I was surprised when I first found out that they were genetically modifying our food, injecting chemicals, etc into our food and the FDA does not even require that it be labeled. The FDA and others deem this is safe and will cost more money and cause problems to the food industry. Who is to say this is safe, are we aware of the long term effects of genetically modifying our food on the human race, or maybe that is their point. The world's population is growing to rapidly and they need to decrease the number people on this earth so they are poisoning our food.

I work in the health industry with people who have dementia. We have had patients who have this disease who are only in their forties. It is very sad to see someone so young who mental capacities are limited even simple tasks like using the bathroom is difficult for them. My point is we do not know the cause of this disease or others that are becoming more prevalent, (cancer, autoimmune diseases that are becoming more prevalent in younger people.

I want a choice when I go the grocery store to choose what foods I put in my body. As well as for future generations like my nephew who will not suffer from diseases that may be contributed by chemicals, and other unknown substances that are being put in our foods.

Please pass Bill 6519 and label these foods so we as consumers choose to live long healthy lives with a lower risk of diseases. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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