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Testimony in support of CT HB 6519 - An Act Concerning The Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food

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I am the mother of two young children, ages 3 and 6, and am very concerned about unlabeled GMOs in the food supply. I urge you to please support the legislation that would require the labeling of GMOs in Connecticut.

As a consumer, I have the right to know what is in the food I buy to feed my family. Properly labeled food products allow consumers to make informed food purchasing decisions. In recent years food-labeling requirements have informed consumers of product ingredients and nutritional information including amounts of sugar, fat and calorie content. A logical extension of these labels would include the presence of GMOs. I strongly feel that unlabeled GMOs take away my right to know whether GMOs are present in the foods I purchase.

The US is one of the only developed countries without labeling laws (Canada is the other). When it comes to GMOs, Connecticut consumers simply deserve the right to choose whether to buy them or not, but we cannot exercise that choice without clear labels.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.