

HB 6519

To our Connecticut Representatives,

I trust that your commitment to the full freedoms and rights of your constituents will compel you to vote in favor of HB 6519, An Act to Label Genetically Engineered Foods. This is a right that the citizens of over sixty countries enjoy while we in the United States are not given the information we need to be an informed citizenry.

There are very real concerns about the safety of these products, many of which are emerging from the consumption of these goods over time and which are anecdotal, owing to the lack of study in the scientific arena, (caused by patent protection). History teaches us that big business will often place the public good far behind profits, and we cannot simply accept a company's say-so on the safety of a product.

Although the issue of safety can be assessed and debated at a later date, the simple expedient of labeling will allow people to choose whether or not they wish to take a chance on this novel food. Please use your power to empower the people you represent and vote in favor of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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