

**HB6519 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CT HB 6519 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD.

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I received an e-mail with a list of some old Monsanto PR notices that had gone out to England. Some of them related to labeling. One such site is (dated 2003) <http://www.monsanto.co.uk/highlights/ads/ad4.html>. It is titled: “Food Labelling. It Has Monsanto’s Full Backing.”

There it states:

**Recently you may have noticed a label appearing on some of the food in your supermarket. This is to inform you about the use of biotechnology in food.**

**Monsanto fully supports UK food manufacturers and retailers in their introduction of these labels. We believe you should be aware of all the facts before making a purchase.**

Really. Is that what they believe? They do agree to label their products in other countries, many other countries, 62 of them. So why are we, the very country that they are located, being discriminated against? Why are we being denied the same rights that they seem to grant willingly to other countries? Why do we and most importantly our children have to be the science experiment, the test procedure that is not being done in the lab?

We know that corporations have been politically modified to be labeled as people. But, one thing has not changed. The function of a corporation is to provide a service or product that we (the original species of people) purchase. We have the right to know what we are paying for.

Please support HB **HB6519**.

Thank you and respectfully submitted,

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