

Public Health Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT

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RE: HB6519

March 11, 2013

To the Members of the Public Health Committee:

When I became a parent an innate power to protect my children took hold. Strongly. About a year ago I learned about GMOs. I was furious to hear they were infiltrated into our food system. Shocked actually because I pride myself in trying to feed my family as much real food as possible. And it was only recently that I learned GMOs entered our food supply without passing as GRAS (Generally Regard As Safe) by the FDA.

And how could the US take a back seat when so many other countries ban or label GMOs? We don't *need* GMOs. The lies these companies told to promote GMOs are falling short. GMOs have not been proven to be safe. There are no long term independent studies. That alone should be enough to give us the right to know what's in our food. Unlabeled, than I cannot protect my family.

As a mother and as a citizen, I am furious this has happened and am asking you to **support HB 6519**. I have a right to know what is in my food! If these large corporations with all their money and lobbyists love their GMOs, let their pride be stamped right on every package for all to see, "Contains GMOs" so the rest of us can spend what money we have to buy foods if we so choose that do not contain GMOs.

My husband and I have 2 children in preschool where we talk to a lot of mothers. Many wish they could be at the capitol to show their support but it's hard with little children to take the time since the public hearing could go for an uncertain amount of time. So I am representing many mothers. We urge you to support the labeling of GMOs. Until then I will be a mother, a furious mother. A mother on a mission to have foods containing GMOs labeled.

Thank you for your time and most of all your consideration,

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