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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity for the public to address the committee.

I am very concerned about the quality of our food, what it may contain (for example pesticides), and what it may not contain (nutrients & beneficial microbes that we are learning are so important to our health).

These items concerned me so much that I quit a good paying job as an engineer to start a farm (a subsistence level of income). I knew this would allow me the opportunity to know more about food, different ways it can be grown, and, arguably, how it should be grown. I grow food because I want my children to have the best chance of having a healthy body and a healthy environment. I want my children to eat the freshest, most nutritious, food I can find.

Which brings us to the item of discussion: Is GM food safe? I know I can find many studies that show it is, and many studies that show it isn't. I don't know if it is safe. But I'd rather put the corn that has been cultivated for millennia in the Americas on my table, than something altered via transgenic mutation. I'd rather eat something that has gone through the reproductive method that has been proven to be beneficial to the proliferation of life for hundreds of millions of years, than this experiment. This experiment may turn out fine, but I would like the ability to choose whether my children are subjects in this experiment.

We all know that if this passes, the State of Connecticut will be sued. Is this a reason for the state to avoid taking up this issue? Polls repeatedly say that over 90% of citizens want the right to know if their food is genetically modified. We want the same right to choose what goes into our bodies as over 60 other nations have given their citizens the right to know. We, as individual citizens, cannot take on goliath for this right; we need you, as our state, to fight for this right.

Please make every effort to pass HB 6519.

Thank you,



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