

A moral mandate:

I am a mother of two girls, ages 6 and 4--and an organic farmer. I farm because the options available to feed my children reasonably-priced, nutritious, antibiotic/pesticide/herbicide-free foods are limited. I farm to educate other families who are unaware of the state of America's food system. The children of this country (and those in other countries upon which we are forcing our contaminated products) are paying the price with their health as we experiment with a system of GE food.

Each year the pesticide and herbicide usage levels increase and each year weeds and pests grow increasingly immune to the chemicals applied. Human and animal antibiotic-resistance is an epidemic unto itself. The animals raised for meat are contaminated with GMO feed and require antibiotics to survive their brief lifespan in inhumane conditions. The testing of GE products has not been rigorous or impartial. The long-term effects on the environment and nature have been ignored. Water sources and soils are contaminated, Beneficial pollinators are declining in numbers. We have squandered recklessly the most pristine farmland on the planet by growing monocultures of commodity crops this way. The system is unsustainable and dangerous--as evidenced by climate change, species extinction and the acidification of our oceans.

At the very least, GMO labeling is the only moral choice. Adding derivatives of GE corn, soy, sugar beets and canola to baby formula and food is unconsonable. Our regulators are failing to act in the best interests of the populace. We look to our leaders and elected officials to fix this broken system and protect their constituents from conflicted regulators and corporate interests before it is too late.

Sincerely,  
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