

## **Testimony for HB 5300**

*An Act Concerning the Use of Genetically Modified Organisms in Children's Food*

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Dear Members of the Children's Committee,

As a mother and resident of CT, I am urging you to support HB 5300 that calls for immediate labeling of GMO foods in our state.

I choose to avoid GMO foods due to the higher amounts of toxic herbicides used on GMO crops and the uncertainty of how the process of genetic engineering will affect my family's health. When shopping for my family in the grocery store, I am shopping blind without any labeling and do not know how to avoid these controversial ingredients that have never been disclosed to the American Public.

GMO's are labeled in many places in the world. It seems crazy, given the facts that the World Health Organization recently declared glyphosate a "probable carcinogen", and it's sprayed all over our crops in this country, that we're not being protected in America!

How is it just and fair for American citizens to be denied the right to make their own choices when it comes to defending the health of their families? Why does it seem the American government waits for the tragedies to occur, while other countries take a proactive stance from the get go?

I sometimes feel it's going to take multiple governmental representatives up to the President himself, to have their own families touched by the myriad of diseases science has now linked to the unstudied toxic chemicals used on our food supply and elsewhere in our environment, to get the government to wake up and stop pandering to the Lobbyists!

Polls show 90% of Americans want GMO's labeled – so why are they still not labeled?

The FDA has approved GE Salmon – How can this salmon, which is a cross between a salmon and an eel not be labeled? Don't you want to know what you're eating at the dinner table with your families?

It seems unconscionable that our federal government would try to take away the states' rights to simply label GMO's and what's in the food we're eating! Americans deserve the transparency that is already long overdue.

Please support HB 5300 and label GMO's immediately. This is serious stuff. I urge you to be proactive! Let us decide what our families should be eating! I know of plenty of mothers along with myself who will be closely following this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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