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Public Hearing Before Committee For Children
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In Support of HB5300 An Act Concerning The Use Of
Genetically Modified Organisms In Children's Food
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Thank you for this privilege to speak before the Committee For Children. My name is Joyce Acebo~Raguskus, of 174 Eastern Parkway, Milford, CT and I am in strong support of HB5300 An Act Concerning The Use Of Genetically Modified Organisms In Children's Food. Labeling our infant and children's food products to disclose all contents is as imperative as the nutritional value label, already in place and is our consumer right to know. This labeling is essential in discerning healthy choices for our infants and children.

With regard to specifically identifying if a food product is a GMO derivative or not is essential in labeling fully. Part of the process of GMO's is the escalating use of toxic/ poisonous pesticides. The fact that our infants are now born with over 250 toxic chemicals in their new bodies which already include pesticides, full disclose of contents of such foods must be adhered to. Children's carcinomas and serious illness are on the rise. MT Sinai Children's Hospital Research

Food contaminated with said Genetically Modified Organisms must be in full disclosure to the consumer via labeling, the only informative measure.

I would ask that this impressive and well informed committee continue to support without haste HB5300, this long overdue method of disclosure and an important step in prevention with healthy food choices for our infants and children.

Thank you for your wisdom, compassion and fortitude.

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