

PETITION to CO-SPONSOR

**THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT**

Senate Bill # 511

As a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of your state), I urge you to co-sponsor the Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act, introduced by Senator Boxer and Congressman Peter DeFazio (HR # 913). This is commonsense legislation, introduced in 2014, requiring mandatory labeling of genetically engineered food.

Genetically engineered food is not the same as food produced by traditional agriculture, which has cross-bred plants for thousands of years. Genetic engineering is a highly imprecise technology. By forcibly violating the barriers existing naturally between species, the DNA (genetic code) of the world’s food crops is being permanently altered. Documented in the technical literature is the alarming evidence of the unintended and unpredictable effects of these transgenic experiments. The evidence is not disputable, or even particularly controversial; it has been buried by the bio-tech industry’s public relations campaigns.

The majority of processed food in the U.S. now contains genetically engineered ingredients. In 2012, the American Medical Association called for mandatory pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered food. The Food, Drug, & Cosmetic (FD&C) Act prohibits the misbranding of food products, which includes whether a label is “misleading.” No U.S. manufacturer has voluntarily labeled food produced from genetically engineered crops since they were first cultivated twenty-three years ago.

**We deserve the right to know what we eat and feed our families!**

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