

Letters in Support of GMO labeling for MA

Dear State Senator/Rep:

I am writing regarding proposed legislation (H.3242) that give consumers the ability to know if they're eating genetically engineered (GMO) foods.

Transparency in food labeling will empower consumers to make informed choices about what they feed their families and what kind of agriculture they support with their food purchases.

If you feel there are health risks associated with GMO foods, insert here.

Use of glyphosate (Roundup) has increased immensely after the introduction of Roundup ready soy.

Glyphosate has been designated a likely carcinogen by the WHO.

Animal studies show a likely link with GMO feed and birth defects.

Human studies on GMO foods have never been officially done.

People with severe food allergies are often helped by avoiding GMO foods.

Connecticut and Maine have passed GMO labeling laws, but they are contingent on other states to pass similar laws to be enacted. Vermont's GMO labeling law should be in effect soon.

Massachusetts Bill H.3242 would simply provide one piece of factual information which is important to an increasing number of consumers.

The bill has been sponsored by over 75% of state legislators, but unless legislators make it a priority, it may not be voted on before the session ends in July.

Thank you.