

I am writing to express my support for the above mentioned Bill . My interest in the issue is on a personal level as an individual consumer and extends to the wider issue of the labeling of all the foods available for sale.

I wish to be informed sufficiently through the labeling process so as to make responsible decisions about what products I consume. This includes ALL details of ALL consumer goods and I demand an end to the secrecy that seems to engulf the list of ingredients in the foods we buy . It seems that commercial interests have infiltrated the simple parameters of our so called Democratic system and result in many unsound decisions in many areas anywhere from labeling to energy alternatives - our decision making bodies appear to have become infected with "vested interests" .

Transparency is the right of every member of society and if it is going to complicate the poor little hearts of food manufacturers then get them to simplify ingredients - you never know we may discover that cancer starts to decrease and our general health improve !! We seem to have done more in the last 65years to destroy the quality of food and agriculture than in the last 6000yrs and our bodies are a cocktail of residual chemicals , growth hormones and preservatives and are carrying the price with arthritis, obesity, diabetes, heart conditions, organ failure etc, etc ; not to mention our children with leukemia, AHDD and so on .

We the consumer want to know what we are consuming ! We want to make informed , responsible decision for ourselves , for our children and for the benefit of the larger community and the world we live in and the environment we want our children to inherit . We are more aware , more informed and increasingly intolerant of a Governing body that fails to represent us . If our interests and the interests of those we value and respect are not addressed then we will replace those currently frozen in ineptitude and self interest with responsible alternatives as we want our decisions as consumers not to harm others or to be at the detriment of others or the environment with which we or others live.

There will be many opportunities for us, the consumer to correct the lack of responsible decision making in the near future with elections at both the State and Federal level . Failure to understand that you are there to represent the people that voted for you not the corporations or companies that have established a lobby relationship with your party could find you out of power .

Yours sincerely,
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