

# Who Wants GMOs Labeled?

## American Public Health Association (APHA):

"APHA declare its support that any food product containing genetically modified organisms be so labeled."



Labeling supporters cross all cultural, political, socioeconomic, religious and educational categories.

Many esteemed, peer-reviewed geneticists, toxicologists, biologists, plant pathologists, agronomists and medical personnel make up the growing list as of December 2013; almost 300 scientists signed a statement saying there is no consensus on GMO safety. <http://www.ensser.org/media/0713/>

## GMO Labeling Is A Non-Partisan Issue

We all eat regardless of party affiliation. Both Iowa and Texas have planks in their 2012 platforms to label GMOs. Three state legislatures have enacted and signed labeling laws. All three were bicameral, bipartisan landslide victories. The Maine bill was authored by a Republican. The Maine Senate has more Republicans than Democrats and voted 34-0 in favor of the bill. The GMO labeling bill in New York was authored by a Republican.

From a 2012 Melman Poll "Views on this question are remarkably intense, with an 81% supermajority not only favoring mandatory labeling but "strongly" favoring the proposal. These views are widespread across demographic lines, with nearly all Democrats (93% favor, 2% oppose), independents (90% favor, 5% oppose) and Republicans (89% favor, 5% oppose) in favor of labeling."



*"As conservatives...we believe in personal responsibility. Well, if you're going to ask people to have personal responsibility, one of the rationales behind that is to give them information. How do people make the proper choices without access to information?"*

*"We live in a world where people are busy and on the go, and because there's so much that is GMO [genetically modified organisms], it's much harder to find what isn't. So, I always thought this is one of those issues that probably has to be mandated, because we're so inundated with it."*

**- Representative Lance Harvill, Rep.,**

**Author, LD 718, "An Act To Protect Maine Food Consumers' Right To Know about Genetically**

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# National and International Organizations - On GMOs

**World Health Organization (WHO) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** co-sponsored WHO, FAO and UNEP report involving 900 participants and 110 countries from all regions of the world :

The safety of GMO foods and feed is controversial due to limited available data, particularly for long-term nutritional consumption and chronic exposure. Food safety is a major issue in the GMO debate.

Potential concerns include alteration in nutritional quality of foods, toxicity, antibiotic resistance, and allergenicity from consuming GM foods.

*"There is little consensus among the findings from the assessments of economic and environmental impacts of GMOs."*  
– Global Report .



**California Medical Association (CMA)** : "the CMA support accurate labeling requirements for foods, including genetically modified foods, by appropriate regulatory agencies."



**Dignity Health** : "Our desire is to have things labeled so that we can make the best decision on what foods to bring into our hospitals," "The more information we have, the better decision we can make about what to buy."



**California Nurses Association** : "Nurses see people suffering from serious diet-related diseases every day. The potential danger of genetically modified foods is why CNA supports Prop 37" (the 2012 ballot initiative to label GMOs)



**Union of Concerned Scientists** : "Support food labeling laws that require foods containing GE crops to be clearly identified as such, so that consumers can make informed decisions about buying GE products."



## Health Professionals Endorsing GMO Labeling:

- ◆ Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
- ◆ American College for Advancement in Medicine
- ◆ American Holistic Medical Association
- ◆ American Medical Students Association
- ◆ American Nurses Association
- ◆ Arizona Center for Advanced Medicine
- ◆ British Medical Association
- ◆ Council For Responsible Genetics
- ◆ European Commission
- ◆ European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER)
- ◆ Healthcare Professionals for a Safe & Healthy Sustainable Food Supply
- ◆ Illinois Public Health Association
- ◆ The Independent Science Panel (ISP)
- ◆ Nutritional Therapy Association
- ◆ National Environmental Health Association (NEHA)
- ◆ Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
- ◆ Physicians and Scientists for Global Responsibility (PSRG)
- ◆ Physicians and Scientists for Responsible Application of Science and Technology
- ◆ Physicians for Social Responsibility
- ◆ Physicians for Social Responsibility, Arizona
- ◆ Public Health Association of Australia
- ◆ San Francisco Bay Area Physicians for Social Responsibility
- ◆ Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
- ◆ Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians
- ◆ Washington State Nurses Association
- ◆ Western Washington Physicians for a National Health Program

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