

GMOs, Glyphosate and the Impact on American Children for Zurich Switzerland Aug 22, 2015 by Zen Honeycutt- Moms Across America

Thank you Urs and organizers for this fantastic event. I am very honored to be here with such esteemed speakers and all of you dedicated and generous people. I am here to share with you about the Impact of GMOs and chemical farming on the American people. But first I have to say thank you Thank you to every farmer and citizen who is saying no to GMOs. The Europeans who protect their country and do not allow GMOs and chemical in their country and on their table are a beacon of hope to we Americans struggling with health issues. You are the leaders of the free world and don't let any corporation sales person tell you otherwise!

Why would a Mom from California come to Switzerland to protest GMOs? Well, besides the chocolate, and the fact that I can eat your bread and cheese and not feel sick, I love my children. I want them to be able to have a future filled with health and freedom as you do. However, the way things are going right now, their future may be compromised.

It is not enough for me to talk of just my family. Is it not enough for my children to eat organic and avoid GMOs and pesticides. **My son's future spouses are out there somewhere, and they are likely eating GMOs.**

Most of us know know that the third generation of rats that ate GMOs got tumors, had stunted growth and were sterile. I want my children to be able to experience the profound love of having their own child someday. So this issue is not just important for my family, it is important for every family.

Today we gather from all over the world to demonstrate against corporate control over our food system, our health and our freedom to choose to not eat food or grow food or live in a country contaminated by GMOs and related pesticides. Big Ag Chemical Companies are pushing GMO potatoes, corn and wheat in Switzerland, pressuring the school system to accept GMOs and continue their onslaught of lies and corruption around the world. The Monsanto owned company

Unilever- Dove, Lipton, and Knorr- is supporting the climate change fight here but in the same breath their lobbyist group FoodDrinkEurope is pushing the TTIP! Corporations need to stop dictating our freedom of choice and health! We are here to say enough!

MY SON'S ALLERGIES AND GMOS

I said "Enough" at one point a few years back. My story of my sons is one that is affecting millions of Moms in the US and one I believe the world needs to hear. My sons have food allergies to wheat, gluten, dairy, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts and carrageenan, a seaweed food thickener additive. My husband and I never had food allergies as children. One morning, I looked at my son who had a red rash around his mouth. He looked back at me and said "Moms I wish all my allergies could go away." In my head I said "That will never happen."

Then I realized I was being resigned and doubtful. What if there was something I could do?

In that moment, I said "Enough" to my resignation and doubt. I said "Enough" to helplessness and fear and I said "I promise Ben, we will find a way to get you better." And that was scary because I did not know how.

It was not long after that that **I found out about GMOs**, how they are foreign proteins in 70% of our processed food, that could be irritating my sons stomach lining, possibly causing leaky gut and food allergies. We eliminated GMOs as much as possible and in 4 months my son's allergic reactions were dramatically reduced.

During this time I **started Moms Across America** and we marched in 172 4th of July parades in 46 states to raise awareness about GMOs reaching millions. Our Moms saw health changes in their children too. But then my other son had a sudden onset of autism symptoms at 8 years old. Just before this, I found out about glyphosate the main ingredient in Roundup. I learned that not only are they spraying Roundup Weedkiller on GMOs, but they are spraying it on NON gmo food and non organic crops like wheat, sugar and beans as a drying agent, and as a burn down before planting as

well. The EPA allows residue levels of glyphosate on 160 of our food and feed crops at levels of .2 -400 ppm. These levels are tens or thousands of times higher than has been shown to be harmful!

Learning this felt like a punch in the chest. This meant that **ALL our food had to be organic to avoid these toxic sprays**. This meant that not only was our government not protecting us from GMOs, but they were allowing a poison to be sprayed on our foods. Glyphosate is sprayed on our streets, sidewalks, back yards, school yards, forests and parks. Our government is putting the profits of the chemicals before the health of the people. 75,000 pounds are used in my county alone just in public spaces, over 137 million pounds are used on our food crops in the USA. **There was a 73% increase of the use of glyphosate in 2013 alone!** I knew I had to get my son with the autism symptoms who got diagnosed with leaky gut, gut dysbiosis, c.diff and high fungus levels, tested for glyphosate. Moms Across America was able to work with a lab for the first time in 2014 and make glyphosate testing available. He came back with levels 8 X higher than was found in anyone here in Europe. IN MY SON. I did not say that a weed killer could be in my son! That is chemical trespass. I realized he was still eating wheat sometimes, because he did not have a gluten allergy, and wheat is sprayed with glyphosate as a drying agent.

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I said "ENOUGH". We eliminated wheat, switched to 100% organic meats and all foods and put a reverse osmosis water filter on our water. Within 6 weeks his glyphosate levels were undetectable and his autism symptoms were gone, and have never come back, for 2 years now. My other son's allergy tests just came back and nut allergy is no longer life threatening. I am not the only one. Moms see their kids get better when they get off GMOs and related pesticides!

Karen from CA told us that her son had daily asthma attacks, needed glasses, and was recommended to be held back a year at school. When she found out about GMOs and switched to organic, his asthma

disappeared, he no longer needed glasses and he is now at the top of his class.

Cindy from RI has a severely autistic teenage son. She found out about GMOs 2 years ago and went all organic. Her son entered high school this past fall and not one of his teachers could tell that he ever had autism.

These two boys have a new future because their Moms found out about GMOs/Glyphosate. We say our country maybe even our world has a new future because their moms found out about GMOs/Glyphosate. Who know what these two boys will invent or contribute to our society?

Moms, Dads, EVERYONE needs to know about this! The problem is people don't want to know. It's too inconvenient. It's too problematic to change how you eat. We say **"Enough" to being ruled by convenience!** Many cannot afford organic or it is not available. This is a social injustice issue. **We say enough to social injustice!**

Corporations learn about these health risks and ignore them. Why? Because they have a legal responsibility to provide a profit for their shareholders.

We say Enough to corporate control!

What makes most people take action? When a loved one gets sick. Here's where moms come in, see historically, men have been the ones to protect and provide, however, mothers have been the ones to decide what their tribe ate and prolong the longevity of their culture. If mothers did not trust their instinct and fed their tribe poison berries or rotten food, their tribe might perish. **For the past twenty years however in the USA, GMO food has not been labeled in the US,** we have had no way of knowing what is in our food and the health of our nation has therefore declined.

THE REALITY OF HEALTH IN AMERICA TODAY:

- Of the top 17 most developed countries, the USA is last in health.
- 1 out of 2 of our children have a chronic illness including autism,

allergies, auto immune disorders, asthma, diabetes and obesity.

- 25.8 million American have Diabetes. The increase of diabetes will bankrupt the US health care system in 13 years if it continues at this rate.
- 1 out of 2 of American males and 1 out of 3 females are expected to get cancer. 200 million Americans. Almost every day I hear from friends that a loved one has died or just contracted cancer. Too many are parents of young children or are children. Glyphosate has been designated a Class 2 Probable Carcinogen by the WHO.
- We have the highest infertility rate in recorded history, 30%. Exactly correlate with the pig study where miscarriage went from 3-33% when they ate glyphosate sprayed grain. Everywhere from Hawaii to Washington State to the Arkansas, our moms tell us tragic stories of birth defects and miscarriages.
- The USA is #1 for infant deaths on Day One. We have 50% more infants that die on day one than all of the industrialized world combined. This is a silent crisis. This is too devastating to be in the news or on Facebook, but it is impacting families all across America.
- Crohns' up 79% in 10 years. Colitis 3x in children from hospital outpatient diagnosis. On Facebook, the majority of the Crohn's or Colitis page post are from 20 year olds. They post that they are getting their intestines sewed up and colostomy bags and they are in so much pain they go on disability. At 20, possible for the rest of their lives. How is this sustainable for our economy? It's not.
- Pesticides are linked to loss of IQ. American IQ has dropped 7 points since GMOs.
- 57.7 million Americans today have mental illness. That's 1 out of 7. These are our pilots on airplanes, teachers, policemen, neighbors and loved ones. Mental illness impacts a person's potential and the potential of our country.

Why is this happening?

NEW Science (all on our website under data) shows that not only are GMOs foreign proteins with DNA mutagen capabilities, but 80% of GMOs are engineered to withstand glyphosate. Glyphosate is sprayed not just on

GMOs but on non organic foods as well so it is on the majority of American food.

Glyphosate is:

1. A PATENTED ANTIBIOTIC: It destroys beneficial gut bacteria AND promotes pathogenic bacteria. This means it disrupts the body's ability to make Tryptophan/Serotonin which in turns inhibits the body's ability to regulate insulin= Diabetes. The increased pathogenic gut bacteria then send a signal through the Vegas nerve to the brain to create glutamate an excitotoxin, which results in neurotoxicity= American Mind melt! Without Serotonin, some people lose their ability to feel satiated from food, therefore binging and contributing to obesity. Without Tryptophan the body also cannot make Melatonin and Guerin which results in insomnia, depression, mental illness and bipolar disorder.
2. CHELATOR: Glyphosate “holds” or makes unavailable, the vital nutrients of any living thing it touches. Causing DNA MUTATIONS and inability to fight cancer. Dr. Don Huber says glyphosate essentially gives the plant AIDS. It strips the plant of its immune system. What is it doing to our children?
3. TUMORIGENIC: Causing tumors.
4. TERATOGEN/HEPATORENOL: EPA Fact sheet = “reproductive effector” ie: endocrine disruptor and can cause “liver and kidney damage.”
5. SEX HORMONE CHANGES: unforeseeable, uncontrollable and unpredictable results. 50% of transgender and sexually confused children are depressed have attempted suicide. In 2010 it was reported that 6% of our teens are medicated.
6. LINKED TO AUTISM: 1 out of 54 boys and 1 out of 88 children in America have autism. Glyphosate breaks down the blood brain

barrier and allows environmental chemicals into the brain, increasing the toxic effects of chemicals in our air, water, vaccines, food, furniture and fire proof pajamas. By 2032, if the current rate of diagnosis continues as is in the USA, 1 out of 2 of our children born will be diagnosed with autism. 50% of our population. How will that affect our families, education system, health care system, military, technology and economy? Who will be the world power and what will that mean for the rest of the world?

7. Glyphosate has been found harmful in many of these ways at levels within the **allowable** daily intake levels set by the EPA.

To summarize, GMOs and glyphosate are destroying our gut bacteria, therefore our immune system, our blood brain barriers and cell formation; leading the systematic destruction of the potential of our children and the future of America.

Switzerland is home to Syngenta, the largest pesticide manufacturer in the world. Switzerland's economy is thriving from the sale of poisons. What many do not know is that not only does Syngenta profit from making people sick, but they profit from making them "better". Yes, it's sister company Astra Seneca, sells hundreds of pharmaceuticals that treat symptoms of illness of which the majority have been linked to pesticides. Syngenta sells pesticides to be sprayed a few hundred feet from thousands of Hawaiian and American schools and churches that are banned here.

We request those of you who can get to leadership at Syngenta, let them know we say ENOUGH. **It is immoral for them to profit from the harm they are causing!**

It's time for every country to say ENOUGH we will not allow GMOs in our country. We will not irreversibly changing the genetic makeup of life in our country. GMO plants contaminate other crops for miles. The pesticides

destroy the beneficial microbes in the soil, kill earthworms, butterflies and bees. GMOs are not beneficial to the environment or consumers. They don't have better taste, they are not more nutritious and the way they are made, with bacteria and viruses is just plain scary. NO ONE wakes up and wants to eat genetically modified foods. It is a poor investment and even worse, I would hope you summarized from what I have said just now about the impact of GMOs and glyphosate, is that your country cannot afford them. No matter how wealthy your country is, the impact on your children's future is too great. Our children have been the guinea pigs for nearly 20 years.

Do you want this for Switzerland? For Europe? Or will you say "Enough"?

I say we say ENOUGH of corporate control, to corruption and pollution. ENOUGH to our own fears and doubts. We chose empowerment and love. We expose the truth until healthy food and environments become available around the world.

We will not stop. We will not give up. Because the love for our children will never end.

How many of you will partner with us to create health and freedom in the world? picture

Thank you