January 16, 2014

President Barack H. Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In 2007, you pledged to give consumers the right to know if their food is genetically engineered (GE). National polls show that 93 percent of Americans share your view.

Regardless of age, income, education level or even party affiliation, Americans want the right to choose for themselves. Two state legislatures have already approved GE labeling, and more than 20 other states are considering GE labeling laws.

While we will continue to support state-level labeling efforts, we believe there should be a mandatory national labeling system. FDA has the authority to require food companies to disclose the presence of these novel food ingredients, and the agency has already required labeling of more than 3,000 ingredients, additives and food processes.

Moreover, FDA has a duty to act when the absence of labeling would leave consumers confused about the foods they buy. It's been more than a decade since FDA approved voluntary GE labeling, and consumers are more confused than ever. Allowing responsible companies to voluntarily disclose the presence of GE ingredients is simply not enough.

Mr. President, we urge you to fulfill your commitment to require GE labeling and to add the United States of America to the list of 64 nations that have already given their consumers the right to know what is in their food. In your first Presidential memorandum, you said that transparency is essential for ensuring public trust. We couldn't agree more.

Sincerely,

Aiyana Acupuncture & Chinese Herbs
Alaska Trollers Association
AllergyKids Foundation
Alliance for Natural Health – USA
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Anti-Vivisection Society
Amy's Kitchen
Annie's, Inc.
Applegate
Arizona Center for Advanced Medicine
As You Sow
Ashland Food Co-op

Ashley Koff RD
Be Food Smart
Ben & Jerry's
Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Best Organics, Inc.
Bettie Kettell RN
Beyond Pesticides
Bill the Butcher
Biodynamic Farming & Gardening Association
Biofuelwatch
Blue Plant Enterprises
Boulder Homemade Inc.
Buy Fresh Buy Local - Greater Lehigh Valley
Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association
Californians for Alternatives to Toxics
Californians for Pesticide Reform
Caney Fork Headwaters Association
Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
Cascadia Wildlands
Cash Wise Foods #3009
Catskill Mountainkeeper
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Effective Government
Center for Environmental Health
Center for Food Safety
Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture
Central Co-op, Seattle
Citizens for GMO Labeling
Citizens for Health
Clean Production Action
Consumer Federation of America
Consumers Union
Cook County Whole Foods Co-op
Cook with Class
Cornucopia Institute
Cornucopia Network of New Jersey
Cumberland Countians for Peace & Justice Network for Environmental & Economic Responsibility Of United Church of Christ
David Batchelder
Dirt Diva
Dr. Bronner's Magical Soaps
Earthwise Farm and Forest
Eastside Food Co-op
EcoC2S
Ecological Farming Association
Ecology Party of Florida

EConsulting (Lexington, KY)
Eden Foods
Edible Madison
Effect Partners
Empire State Consumer Project
Environmental Working Group
Equal Exchange
Experience Nirvana Productions
Farm Aid
Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance
Farm Sanctuary
Farmworker Association of Florida
Fig Food Company
Fish for Teeth
Fisher's Choice Wild Salmon and Gifts
Food and Water Watch
Food Chain Workers Alliance
Food Democracy Now!
Food Revolution
Food Tank: The Food Think Tank
Four Winds Farm
Frankferd Farms Foods
Friends of the Earth U.S.
Garden Spot Distributors
Global Alliance Against Industrial Aquaculture
Global Community Monitor
Glynn Environmental Coalition
GMO Free CT
GMO Free USA
Go Wild Campaign
Gorge Delight
Grain Train Natural Foods Market
Grassroots International
Green America
Green Education and Legal Fund
Green Party of New York
Greenpeace
GreenStar Cooperative Market
Happy Family
HavenBMedia
HealRWorld, LLC
HealYOUnaturally
Health Care Without Harm
Healthy Child Healthy World
Healthy Solutions
Herbal Papaya

Hilltown Non-GMO Working Group
Hunger Action Network of New York State
Hungry Hollow Co-op
Indiana Toxics Action
Institute for a Sustainable Future
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Intertribal Agriculture Council
Iowa Breast Cancer Edu-action
ipiit, The Food Ambassador
Just Food
Just Label It
Kentucky Environmental Foundation
Kitchel Family Organics
LabelGMOs.org
Land & Sea, San Juan Islands WA Chapter, Slow Food USA
Late July
LifeSource Natural Foods
Living Maxwell
Los Jardines Institute
Lundberg Family Farms
Lynn Prior
MA Right To Know GMOs
Mangrove Action Project
Maryland Pesticide Network
Midwest Environmental Justice Organization
Midwest Organic and Sustainable Educational Service
MOMS Advocating Sustainability
Moms for Safe Food
MOSES
Naked Food Magazine
Naked Republic, Inc.
Nash's Organic Produce
National Cooperative Grocers Association
National Organic Coalition
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
National Toxic Encephalopathy Foundation
Nature’s Path
Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society
New Chapter
Non-GMO Project
North Coast Co-op
North Texas Doulas
Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance
Northeast Organic Farming Association – Interstate Council
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire
Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont
Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance
Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides
Nourish Interactive
Odin Brewing Company
Olympic Environmental Council
Oneota Community Food Co-op
Oregon Tilth
Organic Authority
Organic Consumers Association
Organic Farmers' Agency for Relationship Marketing, Inc.
Organically Grown Company
Organic Seed Alliance
Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association
Organic Trade Association
Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations
Partners for the Land & Agricultural Needs of Traditional Peoples
PCC Natural Markets, Seattle, Washington
Peoplesworth
Pesticide Action Network North America
Rural Advancement Fund International-USA
Redwood Hill Farm & Creamery and Green Valley Organics
River Valley Market
Roots of Change
Rudi's
Sacramento Food Co-op
Salmon For All
Science and Environmental Health Network
Sierra Club
Slow Food Nebraska
Soyummi Foods
Stonyfield Farm
Sustainable Capitol Hill
SustainableBusiness.com
Teens Turning Green
The Cool Hemp Company
The Endocrine Disruption Exchange
The Natural Health Medical Clinic
The Run-A-Ton Group
Tilth Producers of Washington
Truth in Labeling Coalition
United Methodist Caretakers of God's Creation
United Natural Food, Inc.
Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Verve
Viroqua Food Cooperative
Viva Farms
Washington Biotechnology Action Council
Washington State Nurses Association
Wedge Community Co-op
Weston A. Price Foundation
Whiz-Bang Fisheries, Inc.
Wild Fish Conservancy
Wild Oats Market
Wild Rose Marketing
Women's Voices for the Earth
Wood Prairie Farm
Washington Sustainable Food & Farming Network