

Genetically Engineered Food Alert Call to Action Signers

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We, the undersigned, call on government and corporate leaders to adopt the following Call to Action:

"Genetically engineered food ingredients or crops should not be allowed on the market unless:

- Independent safety testing demonstrates they have no harmful effects on human health or the environment,
- 2) They are labeled to ensure the consumer's right-to-know, and
- 3) The biotechnology corporations that manufacture them are held responsible for any harm."

Founding Organizations:

Center for Food Safety
Friends of the Earth
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
National Environmental Trust
Organic Consumers Association
Pesticide Action Network North America
The State PIRGs

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Agricultural Resources Center-Pesticide Education Project Alliance for Sustainability

Berkeley Food Policy Council

Beyond Organic

California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)
California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

Colorado Pesticide Network

Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)

Family Farm Defenders Food and Farming Forum Hinsvark Organic Farm

Independent Organic Inspectors Association

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Nature's Fountain Organic Farm

New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides

Newman's Own Organics

Northeast Organic Farming Association, MA Chapter, Inc.

Northeast Organic Farming Association of NJ Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)

Organic Trade Association

Pesticide Watch

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Santa Monica Certified Farmers' Market

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Breast Cancer Action

California Nurses Association

Center for Environmental Health

Children's Health Environmental Coalition

Community Nutrition Institute

Environmental Health Coalition of Western MA

Health Care Without Harm

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Institute for Children's Environmental Health

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Colorado Pesticide Network

Community & Children's Advocates Against Pesticide Poisoning

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Earthways

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Environmental Advocates

Environmental Media Association

Forest Ecology Network

Free The Planet!

Global Possibilities

Global Resource Action Center for the Environment

Grassroots Environmental Education

Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

Green Futures

Green Cape

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Humane Society of the United States

International Center for Technology Assessment

KAHEA: The Hawaiian Environmental Alliance

Kids Against Pollution

Marblehead Pesticide Awareness Committee

Maine Right to Know

Massachusetts Association of the Chemically Injured

Massachusetts PIRG

Native Forest Council

Non/Tox/City

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Massachusetts Consumers' Coalition

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Children's Advocacy Network

Church of the Brethren, Washington Office

Community Food Security Coalition

Food First/Institute for Food and Development Policy

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