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**Testimony In Support of Resolution 12-57.**

*Urging the State of Hawaii and the United States Food and Drug Administration to  
Require Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food*

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Aloha Council members. Thank you for the opportunity to write to you in support of Resolution 12-57. I speak as a concerned citizen in favor of labeling ge food.

I have lived in beautiful HI since 1979. I grew up 3 miles from Monsanto's Nitro, WV chemical plant. At that time Monsanto was producing Agent Orange with dioxins as a by product. Imagine seeing the ponds by Monsanto in Nitro, WV with a green florescent haze over them. I didn't see any aquatic life there. The plant emitted constant noxious and pungent smells. Swimming in the Kanawha River required a tetanus shot first.

The people of Nitro, WV have been in legal battle for 40+ years, and in February 2012 Monsanto tentatively gave them a settlement for medical monitoring and housing cleanup. (\$21M in medical monitoring (with \$63M additional promised, if needed) and \$9M in housing cleanup.) The Nitro plant site itself has not been cleaned up to this day. Monsanto has about 59 superfund sites, most of which have never been cleaned up.

The GMO giant Monsanto is a chemical company with 100 years of history of products such as Saccharine, Aspartame, DDT, PCBs, Dioxin, Agent Orange, Bovine Growth Hormone, and Roundup. Monsanto, now as an agribusiness along with other multinationals, grows genetically modified seeds here in HI for distribution throughout the world. In 2005 Monsanto became the world's largest conventional seed company.

The Water, Air, Land, People, Animals, Humans all face potential wipe out from these "unknown in nature" organisms and chemicals. Currently, Dow is hoping to get FDA approval for a new ge Agent Orange corn that tolerates 2, 4-D. What happened? GMOs were supposed to give us fewer pesticides, herbicides. Agent Orange has been linked to many types of cancer, Parkinsons, liver disease, reproductive and thyroid issues.

Label so we can make wise choices for our health, food security, and environment

We need to no longer delay information access to make **intelligent, reliable and healthy** choices for our selves, our children, for our aina.

**We are all of the the ones who are affected.** Let us **move forward with transparency and caution.** Help us to Label now. Having a future depends on it.

We must be given the choice now to **know what we are consuming.** GMOs are in most processed foods in our supermarkets now.

We must be able to **track what is in our food supply** and know through **independent testing** what risks are/may be associated with consumption of the ge food.

Thank you.

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Our Aina, Our Health, The Key Word is Choice

Milly Ring, Honolulu, HI. Concerned Citizen I have lived in HI since 1979.

I was raised 3 miles from Monsanto's Nitro, WV chemical plant. Monsanto was producing agent orange with dioxins as a by product then. Imagine, if you wish, green florescent pond water nearby, and constant noxious smells. The people of Nitro have been in legal battle for 40+ years, and in February 2012 Monsanto tentatively give them a settlement for medical monitoring and housing cleanup. (\$21M in medical monitoring (with \$63M additional promised, if needed) and \$9M in housing cleanup.)

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Label it so we can choose as wise consumers.

Today, we need to make intelligent, reliable and healthy choices for our selves, our children, for our aina.

We are the ones who are affected, so we must to be given the choice now to know what we are consuming.

We must be able to track what is in our food supply and know what risks are/may be associated with consumption of the ge food.

Thank you.

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**For Testimony In Support of Labeling Genetically Modified Foods**

**Meeting Date: December 7, 2011,**

**Item CR 347, Resolution 11-339, CD1 (TB), Adoption of 2012 HSAC Legislative Package, Item 3: Labeling of GMOs**

To the Honorable Chairperson Ernest Martin and the Honolulu City Council

Thank you for letting me present this testimony today in regard to this resolution to label Genetically Modified Organisms. My name is Milly Ring, and I am a concerned citizen of Honolulu.

I don't think that Genetically Modified Organisms are not healthy for humans and other living beings. There may be many more experiments that need to be done to scientifically prove this, but I do not want to be part of this experimentation. GMOs are just as much a hazard, or more as *smoking may be dangerous to your health, and to the genes of your children.*

I was born and raised within 10 miles of the chemical capitol of the world, Charleston, WV. Monsanto, Union Carbide, Dupont, FMC were major corporations in the community. These corporations took part in polluting the earth, air, water, of humans and animals in producing their chemicals. There has been very little, if any clean up of the environment, nor restitution for lives lost. I am very concerned about my health and welfare and that of my family knowing the lack of responsibility that these companies show for others.

I need to know what I am eating. I have problems with chemicals and have allergies. I eat organic food as much as possible. I do not trust that these companies have my best interest, or the best interest of any others at heart.

Please support this measure to be included with the HSAC package to be submitted to legislature. I personally think that Hawaii's future may be at stake. There are few places that have such a healthy environment. We need to protect our land, our food, our people here in Hawaii for now and the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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