

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 8:15 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: janane tripp [mailto:janane_t@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 8:09 AM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Mr. Henry Jennings,

I am unable to attend the hearing on Friday April 14th concerning the growing of BT Corn in Maine however I do want to voice my opinion on the matter. I am extremely proud of Maine for being the only state where BT Corn is prohibited and I do not want that position to change. Genetically modified crops are proven to be harmful to organic crops, insects and other animals and I believe that not enough long-term study has been conducted to prove that they are not harmful to people as well.

Instead of making food that is resistant to the effects of pesticides and herbicides, why don't we move toward ridding our crops of these poisons altogether? Additionally, why do we not supply farmers with the funds, and educational resource to allow for safer ways to improve corn crop quality? Please consider all of the alternatives before permitting BT corn to be grown in Maine.

I truly believe that allowing for the production of GM corn crops in Maine would be a move in the wrong direction. Please throw your support behind organic farming methods so that Maine can retain and promote a reasonable standard of providing our community with natural foods.

Thank you for your time and representation.

Truly,

Janane Tripp

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From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 7:50 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Nancy Kline [mailto:nakline@fairpoint.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 5:55 AM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Mr. Jennings,

I will be unable to attend the hearing in Fairfield about BT corn, but would like to voice my deep concerns about all genetically engineered foods. The following is from Science Creative Quarterly Jan-Mar 2007;

Despite the lack of conclusive evidence that GM foods present considerable risk to human health and environment, widespread use of this new technology is being compared to past mistakes such as broadcast spraying of populated towns with DDT to control mosquitoes during the 1950s. Notions of "frankenfoods"[14] and "agroterrorism"[15] corrupting our planet present theoretical possibilities that cannot be discounted given the remarkable ability of the unlikely to become an actuality. In truth, we must plead ignorance of the long-term impacts of GM crops[16].

Regards,

Nancy Kline

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 7:50 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
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From: Robert Rossi [mailto:rrossi52@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 10:43 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

I would like to register my strong opposition to allowing Bt corn.

Robert Rossi
217 Woodford Street
Portland, Maine

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From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 7:49 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
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From: Grace Goldberg [mailto:gracegoldberg@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 5:05 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Cc: gracegoldberg@hotmail.com
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Hello Mr. Jennings, I want to go on record at being opposed to the introduction of BT corn in Maine. As we have seen with the performance of genetically engineered canola, drift of pollen from genetically engineered plants cannot be prohibited. I do not want to eat genetically engineered food. There has not been sufficient testing to determine the health effects (what little testing that has been done is not encouraging and some of the negative results have been suppressed.) I am a physician I can tell you that we do not need any more sources of stress on our immune systems and our overall health, not to mention the environmental impacts. I am proud of the fact that Maine has been a leader in keeping our state free of BT corn. Lets keep it that way. DIRIGO.

Sincerely,
Grace H. Goldberg D.O.
Bremen, Maine
529-5386

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A. J. Muste

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From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 5:03 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Olga [mailto:doctorolga@gwi.net]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 4:52 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Mr. Jennings,

Genetically modified corn is an untested experiment unleashed by an industry whose oversight is provided by its promoters. This is bad genetics. We cannot keep this insidious product from modifying our world in ways that are at best unpredictable and at worst catastrophic. Maine does not need this grief. Other states will follow our lead if we do not cave in to the "needs" of corporate agriculture. Keep Maine harvests pure for the generations to come.

Sincerely,

Olga Skorapa, Ph.D.
Kennebunk, ME 04043

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 5:03 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Sandra York [mailto:sandra.york@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2007 4:54 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Mr. Jennings,

I am writing to register my concern regarding Bt corn in Maine. As a home gardener and seed saver, it is important to me that Bt corn not be allowed in the area. I am concerned about the potential effects of Bt corn on the ecosystem, and the risk that Bt corn pollen could get into the heirloom field corn that I raise for my own use.

In general I do not feel that the bioengineering of poisons into our foodstuffs should be allowed only to achieve marginal, transient yield gains for a few. Long after any potential bad effects of Bt corn are discovered, or the pest species grow resistant to Bt, pollen from Bt corn will have contaminated our heirloom and non-GMO corn varieties forever.

Please keep Maine a Bt corn-free zone!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sandra York
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Richmond, ME 04357
cell: (207) 310-1193

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 10:31 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Hal Bonner [mailto:hbonner@gwi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 10:06 AM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Hello Henry Jennings,

Please add my name to those who oppose the planting of Bt corn in Maine. My principal concern is that widespread and indiscriminate use of Bt, either in GM corn or by careless gardeners will pressure insects to develop resistance and will remove one of the most effective tools of the organic grower. At present, organic growers monitor the insect threat and only use Bt and similar substances when absolutely necessary in order to delay the development of resistance in insects. I am concerned that allowing large-scale use of the GM corn will destroy this resource for one of the fastest growing segments of the Maine agricultural economy - organic food.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hal Bonner, chemist
Georgetown., Maine

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 11:22 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Johnathan Puff [mailto:jspuff@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 10:44 AM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

I would like to register my opposition to BT corn in Maine.

As we tend toward a more consolidated commercial farming market, BT corn benefits fewer and fewer farmers. Small farms are the future in this state, and commercial farming as a second income is more and more widespread. For these farmers, BT is a hindrance as they often rely on the higher market prices they can get for organic or "all natural" produce. By encouraging the use of BT corn, more resistant pests will develop, jeopardizing the crops of smaller farmers.

Maine is unique in its position against BT corn, and as small farming grows as an industry we could see Maine becoming a haven for these farmers. Second income farming has the added benefit of attracting skilled professionals to impoverished rural communities where they would not otherwise be inclined or able to make a living. In the long term, this is better for the towns in central and northern Maine. It is a long term growth industry, very far-sighted, and I think it is worth your consideration.

sincerely,
Johnathan Puff- urban/architectural designer

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 11:23 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Peter Aldridge [mailto:peter@hatchfarm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 12:03 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Mr. Jennings

I write in opposition to the planting of Bt corn in Maine. My objection is based on the well established ability of engineered genetic traits to drift into adjacent areas and plantlife, leading in this case to:

- * the potential for uncontrolled release of Bt into the environment and into food crops.
- * the potential for harm to beneficial insects
- * the potential for damage to the livelihood of Organic farmers who loose certification through contamination of their crops.

Sincerely,

Peter Aldridge
Hatch Knoll Farm
Wild Maine Blueberries
Jonesboro ME
www.hatchfarm.com
Phone: 207 434 2674
Fax: 253 498 6135

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 1:15 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Doris Nuesse [mailto:dnuesse@suscom-maine.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 1:12 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Mr Jennings, Thank you for being open to considerations on the pesticide/corn issue. Let me say that I stand with MOFGA on this issue. Sincerely, Doris Nuesse Woolwich, Maine (member Woolwich Conservation Commission, current Advisory Board member and past Board member for Morris Farm Foundation, Wiscasset, Maine, RNMSN Health Care Administration and last but not least born and raised in Southern Wisconsin farming community and lived four years in Iowa. I detasseled corn and know the bugs are there. Thanks again.

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 3:12 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Mary Hildebrand [mailto:hildebrandsm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 2:34 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Acting Director Jennings,
We are very grateful that Maine does not allow Bt Corn. We eat as much organic food as possible and it is always important to me to find products that say the corn is organic. We realize that over 70% of the corn crop in the United States is genetically engineered. There will be an ever-growing market for non-Bt corn and Maine stands ready to be the supplier. Please protect Maine farmeres and by giving them a non-Bt corn product to sell.

Thank you,
Mary Hildebrand
Stephen Hildebrand

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From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 12:33 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: sasha alsop [mailto:sasha_alsop@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 12:15 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Mr. Jennings,

I understand that there is to be a public hearing regarding a petition to approve genetically engineered Bt Corn. I am against approving Bt Corn. I would like Maine to continue to prohibit it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Alsop

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 7:50 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: lou sarofien [mailto:kukheynut@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2007 7:54 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

I dont know if the higher ups (law makers) really consider the bigger picture of things, humanistically, I try to. Bt-corn is a detrement to our health and the health of our local agriculture and as an agrarian of Maine I strongly do not support it's coming to our small and rigid door.

thanks, lou sarofeen

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From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 1:22 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW:

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From: Gene Taylor [mailto:genefwi@adelphia.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 1:05 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject:

Dear Sir,
I would like to express my support for the Bt Field Corn Products. I feel this would lessen the impact of pesticides.
Thank you.
Gene Taylor
General Manager
Frank Woodworth, Inc.

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 1:30 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt corn petition

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From: Tom Quint [mailto:barbettomfarms@pioneercable.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 1:26 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt corn petition

Mr. Jennings,

I'm asking as a dairy farmer who grow corn to allow bt corn to beplanted in this state. It is another tool i can use to be more effecient and on a level planting field with my neighboring farmers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Quint
Hodgdon

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2007 3:03 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: pesticide treated corn seed

-----Original Message-----

From: C W [mailto:mistaya@adelphia.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 9:36 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: pesticide treated corn seed

Henry,

I am writing on behalf of The Williams Farm in North Anson Maine. We feel that it would greatly benefit the farmers in Maine if we were able to buy the pesticide treated corn seed currently available outside of Maine. Due to our very short growing season it is very difficult to meet the crop demand either for cattle feed or sale.

We strongly urge you to help bring this product to Maine.

Thank You for your time and consideration.

Coralee Williams

Williams Farms Inc.
Andy and Coralee Williams
Harvey and Jean Williams
Richard and Lorelei Williams

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2007 3:02 PM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: BT Corn

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From: Lorelei Williams [mailto:lwilliams44@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2007 7:47 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: BT Corn

Mr. Jennings,

Maine Dairy Farmers should be able to have the same technology as other farmers in the country. Please allow us to use BT Corn.

Thank you,
Richard Williams

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2007 8:09 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Nancy Chandler [mailto:nchan@fairpoint.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2007 9:16 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Henry,

I would like to register my opposition to the bill allowing genetically modified BT corn to be grown in Maine for the first time. Please add my statement here to the record from the April 13 hearing. I am a certified organic grower who provides a subscription service of over 30 vegetables, several herbs and flowers for 4 months of the summer to over 32 households and Senior Farmshare vegetables to 30 seniors. Maine has a marketing window of opportunity as perhaps the only state where GMO corn is not currently allowed to be grown. This prevents inevitable contamination of our many organic growers' corn, and allows Maine farmers a continued ability to promote the healthy quality of our foods. I am fearful that regular and widespread use of corn with bacillus thuringensis in all its cells would rapidly breed genetic resistance to BT in the 3 caterpillar corn pests, particularly the corn borer that winters over in Maine. Thus allowing GMO BT field corn in Maine, which is the same species as sweet corn and will interbreed, has pollen that travels a long distance, will eventually destroy the effectiveness of an essential organic pest control, not only for corn pests but for tomato hornworm, white cabbage butterfly, and all caterpillar pests. The risk of losing Bt as organic growers' most effective pesticide would cause huge economic losses, endanger the ability of farmers to grow organic corn, already a very difficult task, and are too great to take in order to make pest control easier for dairy farmers, who grow their own dry corn.

I hope you agree that protecting Maine organic farmers few organic pest controls, including the effectiveness of BT have high value. Caterpillar damage in cow corn shouldn't be a problem big enough to need BT bred into every cell of the corn plants. The dairy farmers can either accept ear damage, reducing the food value slightly, or apply BT as needed like organic farmers, thus protecting their own future ability to use BT also. It's the same scientific principle as overuse of antibiotics in low doses for nontherapeutic treatment of chickens or cows to prevent disease, a practice that is being discouraged recently by doctors concerned about the loss of effective antibiotics to antibiotic resistant bacteria.

Thanks for weighing my scientific and farming needs, perspectives and concerns.

Nancy Chandler
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nchan@fairpoint.net

From: Jennings, Henry
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2007 8:14 AM
To: Schlein, Paul B
Subject: FW: Bt Corn Petition

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From: Perry Lilley [mailto:plilley@pioneerwireless.net]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2007 5:38 PM
To: Jennings, Henry
Subject: Bt Corn Petition

Dear Mr. Jennings

I believe Bt corn should be allow in the State Of Maine. It has proven to be a safe and effective tool in the corn growing area of the U.S. I believe the concerns of pollen contamination can be address without banning Bt corn from all farm land.

Perry R Lilley
Lilley Farms
Smyrna, Me