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Dear Honorable Committee Members,

It's our right to know what we are eating. Please support this simple labeling requirement so that consumers will be notified before they ingest transgenic fish. It is our right to choose what we put in our bodies.

Shockingly, although these fish are man-made organisms, thorough independent and long term studies have yet to be conducted with either humans or animals to demonstrate their safety as a food source. This alone is reason enough to merit the labeling of this product to inform consumers. However, this is not the only health concern posed by transgenic fish. Because of their increased susceptibility to disease, it follows that transgenic fish will be likely to have more antibiotics pound for pound in the finished product. This is another reason for consumers to be informed about what it is they are eating, and feeding to their families.

Please vote yes on HB 3177. Safety first. Let's join the rest of the civilized world approaching genetically engineered foods with caution, and requiring proof of safety before selling them to unsuspecting consumers.

Thanks,
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