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Our family values the potential ability to choose what food we buy and serve. We prefer to buy organic and non GMO food because of the likelihood of pesticide residue on many conventionally raised and especially GMO foods. Especially because these foods have been engineered by Monsanto, Syngenta and others to tolerate massive amounts of Monsanto's pesticide RoundUp, also called Glyphosate which is strongly suspected of being carcinogenic. Its use is banned in some countries around the world. The persistent use of glyphosate damages the soil after time and also kills off insects that are useful as well as beautiful such as the Monarch Butterfly.

We appreciate food labeling as a guide for us. For example, if soy is an ingredient in a product, if it does not state that it is non-GMO soy, I refuse to buy it. Soy is about the most common of the GMO crops. It is sprayed heavily with Glyphosate so I consider it unsafe for my family. Another product we do not purchase is any sugar made from Sugar Beets. It is almost entirely a GMO beet. We purchase Cane Sugar instead.

We also garden and raise much of our own food. We do this with our own compost and Alaska fish fertilizer produced in Kodiak and finished in the MatSu valley. We purchase organic seeds from the many seed companies that are still able to provide these organic seeds. We don't use conventional pesticides in our gardens.

We strongly believe that everyone deserves to make choices between GMO foods and Non-GMO foods. Therefore labeling is essential. Until that happens, I will continue to boycott any unlabeled product that contains soy or sugar assuming it is GMO.

Please support HB 32. We deserve the right to know what is in our food, like millions of people around the world already do.

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