# I-522: Your right to know.

WASHINGTON STATE GMO LABELING INITIATIVE



### \*The Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA),

GMO labeling in Washington State.

After public interest groups, including Cornucopia, informed consumers about the natural/ organic brands owned by corporations that contributed money against the Proposition 37 GMO food labeling initiative in California in 2012, corporations faced outrage from their customers.

To avoid similar consumer backlash in their persistent fight against GMO labeling, companies attempted to hide behind the GMA by using it as a front for their campaign donations. This turned out to be a violation of Washington law. After the Washington attorney general filed a lawsuit against the GMA, the organization voluntarily disclosed which of its members had specifically contributed to the anti-labeling campaign.

#### ORGANIC LEADERS SUPPORTING I-522







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## The GMO Divide — Let's All Reward the True Organic Heroes.

More than 60 countries around the world require GMO labeling or ban GMOs outright — but not the US.

Democratic and Republican administrations, and Congress, have repeatedly ignored the overwhelming majority of Americans who favor labeling GMO foods in the marketplace. Our politicians seem to be listening to the corporate executives (their donors) instead of the citizenry. In Washington State, corporate interests spent more than \$22 million to narrowly defeat I-522, which would have mandated labeling of foods containing GMO ingredients. This is the largest amount of money ever spent during an initiative campaign in the state's history. After narrowly losing a similar fight in California (Proposition 37) in 2012, when corporate agribusiness spent \$46 million on misleading advertisements, consumers need to vote in the marketplace and stand with the brands supporting "the right to know" what's in our food.

