Why scientists and science advocates shouldn't fight the GM-labeling movement

Ramez Naam has contributed to the GLP with a two-part feature "Greener than green," (Part I, Part II). In this guest post at the Collide-a-Scape blog, he makes the argument that — despite the scientific evidence for the safety of genetically modified crops — fighting the GM-labeling movement is only fanning the flames of fear and consumer mistrust. Excerpt below.

I believe in science, and I believe that science tells us that our currently approved GMOs are safe for humans and good for the planet, and that next generation GMOs will be even better.

So why label them?

The short answer is this: by *fighting* labeling, we're feeding energy to the opponents of GMOs. We're inducing *more* fear and paranoia of the technology, rather than less. We're persuading those who might otherwise have no opinion on GMOs that there *must* be something to hide, otherwise, why would we fight so hard to avoid labeling?

Read the full post here: Why GMO Supporters Should Embrace Labels

Additional resources:

- The Evidence on GMO Safety, RamezNaam.com
- Greener than green: Biotech and the future of agriculture (Part I), Genetic Literacy Project
- Greener than green: Biotech and the future of agriculture (Part II), Genetic Literacy Project