

Starbucks denies alliance with Monsanto, support for GMOs, but Neil Young remains unimpressed

Neil Young announced that he's boycotting Starbucks. "I used to line up and get my latte everyday, but yesterday was my last one," Young [wrote on his website](#). "Starbucks has teamed up with Monsanto to sue Vermont, and stop accurate food labeling."

[Young](#)'s referring to a law Vermont passed last spring that will require food labels to specify whether they're made with genetically modified ingredients by July 1, 2016. (Dairy, meat, alcohol and food served in restaurants are excluded.)

Four food industry organizations have filed suit against the state, including the Grocery Manufacturers Association – whose 300-plus-strong membership includes Starbucks and Monsanto.

[Editor's Note: Unilever, parent company of Ben & Jerry's, is also a part of the GMA. Ben & Jerry's has been using genetically modified ingredients for years, it still does, and has refused demands that it voluntarily label its own products that contain GMO ingredients. Young remains a strong supporter of Ben & Jerry's.]

"If we can generate enough attention, we can push Starbucks to withdraw its support for the lawsuit, and then pressure other companies to do the same," Young said.

Starbucks has responded to Young's accusations with [a statement of its own](#): "Starbucks is not a part of any lawsuit pertaining to GMO labeling nor have we provided funding for any campaign," the statement read.

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