Environmentalists pressure Canadian schools to drop food waste webinar because it mentions non-browning GE apple

[Editor's note: Read the GLP's profile on the genetically engineered non-browning Arctic Apple and the potential for genetic engineering to help reduce food waste.]

The [environmental group] Council of Canadians is raising concerns about an information session on food that is planned to be shown in high school classrooms across Canada on Tuesday [March 7, 2017].

Leo Broderick, vice-chair of the organization, is calling on ministers of education in eight provinces, including P.E.I., to pull the webinar *Trashing Food Waste with Technology*. The webinar is part of a month-long agricultural literacy program organized by the non-profit group Agriculture in the Classroom.

Broderick doesn't like that the webinar's sponsors include several major seed and pesticide producers, and also features a genetically modified apple, created in B.C., that is approved for sale in the US but not in Canada.

"Certainly, I don't think that we should be filling up our classrooms with corporate propaganda," said Broderick.

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"I think it's important that we have another perspective and that we not promote through our classrooms across the country genetically engineered food."

The Council of Canadians is part of a coalition of Canadian environmental groups that oppose the webinar.

The GLP aggregated and excerpted this blog/article to reflect the diversity of news, opinion, and analysis. Read full, original post: Canadian environment groups want webinar pulled from classrooms over GMO foods