

Make food labels mandatory

To The Editor:

Where have the rights of people gone? It is absolutely amazing that as our society becomes more educated, that we can be treated as if ignorant.

As we are told to "trust" our elected officials and the policies and regulations they implement on our behalf, we discover once again that we are being snookered with a smoke and mirrors approach.

The federal government has shown that they heard the outcry for honest labelling - for the right to allow us to decide what products we want to feed our families. Yet, they decide to implement a more confusing labelling system that still does not truly tell us where our food has been grown and processed.

With arsenic toothpaste, melamine baby formula, heavy metal fish, etc., I do not feel that I have to jeopardize my family's health for a few corporate companies' profits. Some things are worth more than money!

Prime Minister Harper needs to restore my confidence in the safety of our food by requiring mandatory food labels that show the country/countries of origin of the food content and processing of our food, as the retailers and processors will not.

I encourage you to sign the free online petition at www.monctonbpw.com to show your support of clear food labelling and to send a message to the federal government to make clear, honest regulations so that we can decide what food to buy for our families!

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