

**OCA MEMBERS RESPOND...**

Thank you for all the work you do to ensure that safe, healthy and sustainable practices have a place to flourish on the earth! -  
*Kathleen · South Lake Tahoe, CA*

Keep up the good work! I deeply believe in what you are doing. *Judy · Pulaski, WI*

Thank you for ALL the HARD work! Please use this money toward the fight to keep organic foods and products TRULY organic! Blessings! *Marce · Grand Marais, MN*

Thank you for leading the way on this important issue. *Linda · Huntsville, AL*

Please use this money to protect the organic standards. We need to keep the power of that decision with the consumer, not the government. -*Elizabeth · Takoma Park, MD*

We can't give up! Thanks for all you do! *Michele · Fountain Valley, CA*

I am proud to be a member of this grassroots organization. Thanks for keeping me informed and keep up the great work. *Robin · Idledale, CO*

Although I live in South Africa, I believe what you are doing affects the whole planet, and I thank you for it. *Wray · Cape Town, South Africa*

Thanks for all the hard and excellent work you all do. It's absolutely liberating to know this site exists and is helping save our planet. *Emily · Skagway, AK*

Thank you for fighting for all of us who seek and believe in real food and sustainability and not poisoning our environment or our food. *Anne · Massachusetts*

I appreciate your organization so much. When I can I will donate more, and I always forward your emails to friends...  
*Christina · Dallas, TX*

**OCA CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORTS****Stopping Chemical Industry Experiments on Children**

LATE 2005—EARLY 2006 · OCA alerted our nationwide network to a proposed Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulation allowing industry to carry out experiments, using toxic pesticides and chemicals, on children. After a barrage of 15,000 letters from OCA, and thousands more from our allies, the EPA's own Union of Scientists came out against the rule. Reacting to the growing backlash, EPA administrators announced they would ban chemical testing on children. Unfortunately, after the media reported this change in policy, and public attention turned elsewhere, EPA bureaucrats reinstated similar language into the proposed regulation. The battle continues. [www.organicconsumers.org/epa6.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/epa6.cfm)

**Eliminating Toxic Pesticide Spraying on Public Lands**

JANUARY 2006 · OCA members and supporters sent over 20,000 emails to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), protesting a federal plan to spray massive amounts of pesticides, including known developmental and reproductive toxins, on 932,000 acres

of public lands, including National Monuments and Conservation areas. In the wake of this controversy, the BLM delayed its final decision on spraying pesticides until the fall of 2006. OCA will continue pressuring the BLM in the meantime. [www.organicconsumers.org/blm.htm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/blm.htm)

**Banning a Cancer Causing Pesticide - Methyl Iodide**

FEBRUARY, 2006 · OCA generated thousands of letters and phone calls to the EPA opposing the proposed use of the carcinogenic pesticide methyl iodide. In January, the EPA had indicated it would allow farmers to apply up to 400 pounds of the carcinogenic chemical to each acre. Methyl iodide is especially hazardous, vaporizing quickly and drifting over large distances. Reacting to widespread media coverage and public pressure, EPA backed off on legalizing the pesticide.

[www.organicconsumers.org/2006/article\\_258.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/2006/article_258.cfm)

**Defending State Food Safety Labeling Laws**

MARCH 8, 2006 · Despite vast public opposition, including 50,000 calls and letters from the OCA, the House of Representatives passed a controversial industry-backed "National Food Uniformity Act", which would eliminate over 200 state food safety labeling laws. The law would take away local government and states' power to require food safety labels on foods or beverages that are likely to cause cancer, birth defects, allergic reactions, or mercury poisoning. The bill would also prevent local municipalities and states from passing laws requiring that genetically engineered foods and ingredients be labeled. In order to become law, the bill will now have to go to the Senate for a vote. As we go to press, it appears we have created so much controversy that the bill will not pass in the Senate. [www.organicconsumers.org/rd/labeling.cfm](http://www.organicconsumers.org/rd/labeling.cfm)

