



H.R. 4432: The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2014

Activists in over 30 states have waged a campaign against Kansas farmers and the technology they need to put safe, nutritious, affordable food on families' tables both here and across the country. If successful in their efforts, these activists may expose millions of American families to higher food prices and prevent farmers from using new tools that can reduce input costs, boost on-farm income, protect valuable natural resources, and sustainably feed billions of people.

Crops that have benefited from advances in biotechnology are foods that we eat every single day, including corn, soybeans, and sugar beets. These ingredients are safe: More than 100 research projects over 25 years involving dozens of independent research groups have affirmed and reaffirmed the safety of genetically modified ingredients.

In order to combat these attacks on our way of life and to keep our food supply affordable, Congressman Pompeo introduced **H.R. 4432, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act**. This bipartisan legislation is a common sense, science-based solution that will protect consumers, facilitate informed consumer choices, as well as guard against a costly, unnecessary and inefficient state-by-state food labeling system.

Specifically, this legislation will make the following reforms:

- Require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct a safety review of all new plant varieties used for genetically engineered food before those foods are introduced into commerce.
- If these foods are found to be unsafe in any way, the FDA will be required to specify special labeling it believes it is necessary to protect health and safety.
- Create a new legal framework, subject to FDA oversight, governing the use of label claims regarding either the absence of, or use of, genetically engineered food or food ingredients.
- Preserve FDA's 100-year management of food labeling and prevent a disruptive regulatory patchwork that will cost families greatly.

Congressman Pompeo's legislation has strong support from agriculture and food groups across the country and here at home in Kansas: **The Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, and the Kansas Soybean Association** have all offered their support joining the **American Farm Bureau Federation** and other national groups in backing these important reforms.