



Protecting our Farmers, Feeding the World

THE PROBLEM

- Activists in nearly 30 states are attempting to require government warning labels on food products containing ingredients derived from biotechnology. These common ingredients, which include corn, soybeans, and sugar beets, are safe to eat.
- **The activists' goal** in mandating state labeling is to mislead consumers into believing that America's food supply isn't safe. If they succeed, there will be little incentive to innovate or grow these important crops, which provide us affordable and abundant food.
- **Our goal** must be to keep government small and focused only on its core tasks. More than 100 research projects over 25 years involving dozens of independent research groups have affirmed and reaffirmed the safety of genetically modified ingredients.
- State-by-state labeling would directly impede interstate commerce, similar to the way allowing California to set fuel economy standards would increase the cost of driving in Kansas.

THE SOLUTION

- **The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act** (SAFLA) is bipartisan legislation that prevents government at any level from restricting interstate commerce based on the wishes of activists.
- My legislation seeks a common sense, science-based solution that will facilitate informed consumer choices, as well as guard against a costly, intrusive, unnecessary, and inefficient state-by-state food labeling system.
- Under SAFLA, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will conduct a safety review of all new plant varieties used for genetically engineered food before those foods are introduced into commerce. This will ensure that consumers are getting scientific, accurate, and relevant information by allowing the FDA to specify special labeling if it believes it is necessary to protect health and safety. In order to provide even greater transparency, my legislation includes a provision to allow those who wish to label their products as GMO-free to do so through a USDA-accredited certification process.
- The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act has broad support – including from the Kansas Farm Bureau, the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Association of Manufacturers, National Association of Wheat Growers, National Corn Growers Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and the National Grain & Feed Association.