



### **The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015**

A campaign against agricultural biotechnology 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.

Activists in nearly 30 states are considering legislation that would 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. Unfortunately, activists are demanding an official notice that food may contain these ingredients. If consumers are misled to believe the food supply isn't safe, there is little incentive to innovate or grow these important crops.

More than 100 research projects over 25 years involving dozens of independent research groups have affirmed and reaffirmed the safety of genetically modified ingredients. We're seeking 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.

#### **This bipartisan legislation will:**

- Create a uniform, national system governing the premarket review and labeling of genetically engineered foods.
- 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.
- Uphold FDA's authority to specify special labeling if 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.
- Direct FDA to develop Federal definition for "natural" claims on product labels.
- Allow those who wish to label their products as GMO-free to do so by through a USDA-accredited certification process.

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