



Illinois Agricultural Legislative Roundtable

The Honorable XXX
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative XXX,

The Illinois Agricultural Legislative Roundtable respectfully requests your support of “The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015,” H.R. 1599. We need Congress to take action now to enact a national, science-based standard for the safety review and labeling of food containing genetically modified organisms, (GMO).

Biotechnology used by agriculture provides benefits to producers, the environment and consumers. Advancements through biotechnology produce plants that are more resistant to insects, productive in drought and overly moist conditions, and efficient in nutrient utilization while helping us keep pace with demand from a growing population. We must continue advancing our production capabilities to provide safe, ample food to people and with a special focus on the cost of food for those who cannot afford to purchase enough on a daily basis.

A national standard for labeling food products derived from ingredients using biotechnology is critical to avoid a state by state patchwork of rules that will be disruptive to a safe, abundant, and efficient food system.

We must continue advancing our production capabilities in order to provide safe food at a reasonable price, especially for those who cannot afford to purchase enough on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Association of Illinois Soil & Water
Conservation Districts
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
GROWMARK
Farm Credit Illinois
iBIO®
Illinois Agri Women
Illinois Association of Meat Processors
Illinois Beef Association
Illinois Corn Growers Association
Illinois Farm Bureau
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association
Illinois Milk Producers Association
Illinois Representative Robert Pritchard

Illinois Seed Trade Association
Illinois Society of Professional Farm
Managers and Rural Appraisers
Illinois Soybean Growers Association
Illinois Wheat Association
Midwest Equipment Dealers Association
Midwest Food Processors Association
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