



June 20, 2015

Dear Representative,

As the U.S. House of Representatives moves to consider the bipartisan Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 (H.R. 1599), we ask for your support by voting IN FAVOR of H.R. 1599. Our organization, and the farmers we represent in your district, support this piece of legislation as the best approach to establishing uniform, science-based food labeling standards. This bill would address the growing threat of a patchwork of state labeling laws that would have a significant impact on interstate commerce, consumers' pocketbooks, and a technology vital to our farmers.

Our farmers take great pride in producing food, not only for America's growing families but also for their own. Nearly 80 percent of the foods we consume in the United States contain ingredients made from genetically modified crops, most of them being corn and soy. Modern biotechnology provides safe and effective ways to protect our crops while reducing the use of pesticides and chemicals, allowing Colorado farmers to continue producing the safest, most reliable, and affordable food supply in the world.

The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act will ensure that food labeling in the United States is consistent across state lines, and that it is based on sound science. The bill increases coordination between the Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, guaranteeing that our nation's foremost experts on food and agricultural safety are in charge of labeling decisions. The legislation also establishes a transparent, consistent GMO-free certification program, bringing clarity to those who choose to purchase GMO-free foods.

Our organization strongly supports a regulatory system based on sound science and believes this bill would maintain this approach, while providing consumers with the information they need. For these reasons, please vote IN FAVOR of H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act when it comes to the House floor for a vote. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Elchard".

President
Colorado Corn Growers Association