



July 21, 2015

Dear Representative,

On behalf the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and the growers we represent in your district, I urge you to vote in favor of the bipartisan Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 (H.R. 1599). NCGA supports this piece of legislation as the best approach to establishing uniform, science-based food labeling standards, while maintaining consumer choice in the grocery aisle. This bill addresses 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.

Founded in 1957, NCGA represents more than 42,000 dues-paying corn farmers nationwide and the interests of more than 300,000 growers who contribute through corn checkoff programs in their states. NCGA and its 48 affiliated state organizations work together to create and increase opportunities for corn growers. 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 American 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 maintains this approach, while providing consumers with the information they need. Once again we urge you to vote in favor of this critical piece of legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip Bowling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chip Bowling  
President  
National Corn Growers Association