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Dear Representative,

As the House will consider H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 on Thursday, the National Confectioners Association would like to express our support for this legislation. Ensuring passage of the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act is an important issue for our membership and we urge all members vote in favor of H.R. 1599.

NCA member companies have been manufacturing candy since 1884, and we represent nearly 700 companies across the United States. Manufacturing candy creates more than 70,000 jobs, and when sales and distribution is included it's more than 300,000.

The GMO labeling ballot initiatives and legislative efforts that many state lawmakers and voters are facing are geared to make people wrongly fear what they're eating and feeding their children. They ignore science and undermine the public's understanding of the many benefits of biotechnology in feeding a growing population – while keeping costs down.

H.R. 1599 will help prevent consumer confusion caused by a patchwork of state labeling laws while advancing the cause of food safety and providing consistency in our food labels. We appreciate your consideration of this legislation and look forward to continuing to work together.

Sincerely,

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