

MEDIA ALERT

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National GMO Labeling Standard

Washington, D.C. — Capitol Allies (CapAllies), an independent, nonpartisan effort that promotes free enterprise, and its partners urge Congress to reach a bipartisan agreement on a national GMO labeling standard before Vermont’s GMO labeling mandate takes effect on July 1.

Time is running out. After the Senate approves a bill, the House of Representatives must also pass the Senate legislation in quick time. The House is out of session the last week of June leaving only five legislative days remaining.

CapAllies agrees with the [Coalition for Safe Affordable Food](#): “We need a uniform national solution to eliminate the potential confusion and costly red tape associated with the growing, 50-state patchwork of mandatory state labeling laws that could raise the cost of food for families by up to \$1,050 per year.”

“To date, more than 50 bills have been introduced in dozens of states to require the labeling of genetically modified foods, or GMOs. Vermont’s law takes effect on July 1. If Congress fails to act, Vermont and the myriad others following suit will upend the nation’s entire food system, from farming to supply to retail,” said Jerry Rogers, CapAllies president, in a segment on the LangerCast on the RELM Network.

Academic and scientific studies over the past 30 years – by such groups as the World Health Organization, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Academies of Science – have said, unequivocally, that GM foods are safe and healthy. Studies have concluded that GMOs are as safe as, or safer than, conventional or organic foods.

GMOs now make up a major part of the American diet: 60-70 percent of all food on supermarket shelves is GMO. So the issue of labeling needs to be addressed in a manner that defers to sound science. An alternative to the state-based food police is a national standard. If the Anti-GMO activists were truly interested in science and consumer safety, they would aggressively support this approach.

CapAllies commends Senators Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) on their efforts to draft compromise legislation that will offer a common sense, national food labeling solution.

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