

# MEDIA ALERT: BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT ON NATIONAL LABELING STANDARD

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**Washington DC** – Capitol Allies (CapAllies) applauds Sens. Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) for the bipartisan agreement on a national GMO labeling standard. The Senate voted 68-29 on a procedural move that will allow for a final vote on the Roberts-Stabenow agreement after July 5. The Senate must still give final approval to the new agreement, and then it will need to be passed by the House of Representatives before going to the President.

The bi-partisan legislation will prevent states and municipalities from creating chaos with food labeling laws intended to stifle science and ban biotechnology.

*“A patchwork of state labeling requirements would create mass confusion among consumers and cause food prices to skyrocket. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are among the most analyzed subjects in science. With over 2,000 global studies affirming safety, the science over GM foods is unquestionably settled. The world’s most prestigious science, health, and academic institutions have confirmed and re-confirmed over again that GMO science does not pose a risk to our health, and GM foods are as safe and/or safer than conventional or organic foods. In an overview of the last 10 years of genetically engineered crop safety research, scientists could not find a single instance where GMO food posed any harm to humans or animals. GMOs are safe and healthy, period,” says Jerry Rogers, president and founder of CapAllies.*

The anti-GMO activists want a protracted “death-by-a-thousand-cuts” campaign to establish state-based labeling regimes. Joseph Mercola, an alternative-medicine advocate, has said, “GM foods must be banned entirely, but labeling is the most efficient way to achieve this.” Veteran activist and organizer Ronnie Cummins has called the EU’s labeling laws “the crucial blow to GMOs.” The activists are looking to ban science, not promote the “right-to-know.”

As a Vermont labeling law is set to take hold on July 1 (enforcement to start in January 2017), this new biotech food labeling legislation will allow a consistent, national labeling policy to govern our food chain. Such a national policy will inform consumers, protect sound science, and advance market principles.

Capitol Allies was established to turn policy into practice. Our work is to advance ideas and policies supportive of free enterprise, economic growth, sound science, and property rights.

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