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Questions for the Record Responses

**The Honorable Renee Ellmers**

- 1. Ms. Forshee, you mention in your testimony how the choice of adopting biotechnology has brought economic and environmental benefits to your farm operation. Do you think all these mandatory labeling proposals out there not based on any kind of safety finding are a way to restrict the planting choices you make on your farm?**

Yes, labeling laws are a way to restrict what we grow and how we farm, directly and indirectly.

**The Honorable Morgan Griffith**

- 1. Please provide your thoughts, suggestion, and feedback on Mr. Pompeo’s bill, H.R. 4432 from the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.**

We need a federal solution that lets consumers make informed decisions rather than a patchwork of state and local laws that are confusing and not uniform. H.R. 4432 is a common-sense bill that helps protect against consumer confusion.

The bill offers consistency and safety for consumers and strengthens federal oversight to help us move beyond confusing, state-by-state labeling laws that needlessly undermine consumer confidence in the safe U.S. food supply.

Not only do inconsistent labeling laws confuse consumers, they also threaten to harm state economies and wreak havoc on farm businesses like mine. H.R. 4432 ensures that the flow of interstate commerce continues uninterrupted and allows farmers across the U.S. to continue to contribute to the nation’s economy by growing safe, nourishing food in the most efficient, cost-effective way while protecting our limited natural resources.