



April 16, 2015

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
 U.S. House of Representatives
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 Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable G. K. Butterfield
 U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives,

The biotechnology industry applauds your commitment to modern agricultural tools and your decision to engage Congress in the conversation about “GMOs” by authoring H.R. 1599, the *Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act*. We support this bipartisan legislation and urge its prompt passage in the House of Representatives.

H.R. 1599 is very important to consumers because it would better inform the public about the presence or absence of “GMOs” in food, would enhance public confidence in food safety by reaffirming FDA as the national authority for food labeling policy, and would require “GMO” food safety information to be made publicly available by FDA. By doing these things, the legislation would help the country move beyond state-by-state “GMO” labeling challenges that are needlessly undermining consumer confidence and threatening to harm state economies.

The biotechnology industry understands consumers have questions about how our food is grown, including the use of “GMOs.” We are committed to nurturing a transparent dialogue with consumers in this regard and to working with stakeholders and public officials to enhance the information available to the public about the use of biotechnology in agricultural production. One successful transparency program is known as GMO Answers, which can be accessed at www.gmoanswers.com.

We commend your leadership and look forward to working with you to ensure the *Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act* is approved in the House without delay.

Sincerely,

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BayBio (CA)
Biocom (CA)
BioKansas
Bio Nebraska Life Sciences Association
BioNJ
Bioscience Association of North Dakota (Bio ND)
BioOhio
Colorado Bioscience Association
CURE – Connecticut United for Research Excellence
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