



Consumer Federation of America

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Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of Consumer Federation of America (CFA), I urge you to vote in opposition to the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 (HR 1599) when it comes up for a full floor vote. CFA is an association of 250 nonprofit consumer organizations across the country that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy and education.

Contrary to its name, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act is not an appropriate solution to labeling genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Instead, the Act would codify the current voluntary system which has not provided consumers the information they want to know. It would pre-empt state GMO labeling laws passed to provide their constituents with accurate information about their food. The Act would also create consumer confusion in the marketplace by allowing food companies to continue making “natural” claims on products containing GMO foods.

More and more, American consumers want information about the food they feed to their families. American consumers have a right to know what is in their food, just like consumers in 64 countries who already have the right to know whether their food contains GMOs. Voluntary labeling, as proposed in the Act, is not effective because it does not provide consistent information to consumers. Instead, consumers get information only from some companies who choose to provide it and not from other companies. A better solution is the GE Food Right to Know Act introduced by Senator Boxer and Representative DeFazio, which would require GMO foods to be labeled, providing consumers with the consistent information they deserve.

I urge you to oppose the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 (HR 1599) when it comes up for a full floor vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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