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Dear Representative:

EWG strongly opposes H.R. 1599, the so-called “Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015.” We urge you to vote NO.

Consumers have the right to know what is in their food and how it is grown. H.R. 1599 would deny consumers this basic right by preempting state GMO labeling laws, virtually eliminating the ability of the Food and Drug Administration to craft a national mandatory GMO labeling system, by enshrining a voluntary GMO labeling system that has failed consumers, and by allowing “natural” claims on GMO foods.

Nine out of ten consumers want the right to know whether their food has been produced with genetically modified food ingredients – just like consumers in 64 other nations. GMO labeling has not increased food prices in other nations, and studies show that a modest GMO disclosure on the back of food packages will have no impact on food prices or food security needs.

In addition, H.R. 1599 would preempt state and local GMO crop regulations designed to protect farmers from economic harms caused by GMO crops. More than 40 states and counties have adopted rules designed to protect farmers and rural residents from the impacts of GMO crops.

Consumers should have the right to know what it’s their food and how it’s grown. We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 1599.

Sincerely,

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