

July 22, 2015

The Honorable Chris Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

CC: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives New Jersey Delegation

RE: "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act," H.R. 1599

Dear Representative Smith:

The undersigned 30 New Jersey business owners, chefs, and farmers stand with the 90 percent of Americans who support the mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods (commonly called "GMOs"). We thus urge you to oppose H.R. 1599, the "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act" (also known as the "Deny Americans the Right to Know (DARK) Act").

We strongly support labeling GMOs, but the "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act" would add to consumer confusion and undermine GMO labeling by:

- Codifying the current, broken voluntary labeling system;
- Preempting New Jersey and other states from requiring labeling of GMO food and from prohibiting bogus "natural" claims;
- Virtually eliminating FDA's ability to craft a national GMO labeling system; and
- Creating a GMO "safety" review system based on industry science.

We believe that American consumers deserve the same right to know through GMO labeling as two-thirds of the world's population in 64 other countries. As producers and consumers, we know firsthand that Americans are demanding more – not less – information about the food they feed their families.

We therefore urge you to oppose the DARK Act, H.R. 1599.

Sincerely,

12 Farms
Hightstown, New Jersey

Bobolink Dairy & Bakehouse
Milford, New Jersey

Applegate
Bridgewater, New Jersey

Capra Farms
Waterford Works, New Jersey

Blue Moon Acres
Pennington, New Jersey

Cooperative 518
Princeton, New Jersey

DanaRay Farm
Branchville, New Jersey

DanLynn Organic Farms
Pedricktown, New Jersey

Dean's Natural Food Market
Basking Ridge, New Jersey

Fields Without Fences
Frenchtown, New Jersey

Genesis Farm
Blairstown, New Jersey

Good Earth Organic Eatery
West Cape May, New Jersey

Good Karma
Café Red Bank, New Jersey

Ho-Ho-Kus Inn & Tavern
Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey

Natural Awakenings
Mt. Freedom, New Jersey

Nature's Pavilion Natural Food Market
Pompton Plains, New Jersey

Nomad Pizza
Hopewell, New Jersey

Orchard Farm Organics
Princeton, New Jersey

Organico
Ramsey, New Jersey

Red Oak Ranch
Newfield, New Jersey

Richfield Farms
Clifton, New Jersey

Sassafras Hill Farm
Barnegat, New Jersey

Sweet Sourland Farms
Hopewell, New Jersey

Sweet Symphony Farm
Mannington, New Jersey

Taproots Farm
Sewell, New Jersey

Two Hawks Farm
Southampton, New Jersey

Vernon Valley Farm
Vernon, New Jersey

Vincentown Diner
Vincentown, New Jersey

Whole Earth Café
Princeton, New Jersey

Windsong Farm
Warren, New Jersey