



July 6, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, The Capitol  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Reid:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), I am writing to support Senate action to create a national biotech GMO labeling standard. Despite sound science supporting biotechnology, some interest groups have pursued mandatory labeling initiatives in over three dozen states across the country. Most notable, Vermont's law that went into effect on July 1, 2016.

Establishing a supply chain to manage a state-by-state labeling approach would be extremely costly, inefficient and confusing to consumers. Instead we believe the language put forth by Senators Stabenow and Roberts, would serve to give consumers additional information that is consistent across state lines.

UFCW represents food and grocery employees across the country. Many of our food company employees work to deliver products in all 50 states. For members, their families and all families throughout the country, we believe that food should be safe, nutritious, and labeled as such. By creating a national standard for GMO labeling, we can avoid a patchwork of different state labeling requirements and also give consumers additional information at the grocery store.

I ask that you please support this approach and encourage you to advance this legislation in the Senate.

Sincerely,

International President