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AFFI Commends House Agriculture Committee for Advancing Responsible Food Labeling Legislation

McLean, VA – The [American Frozen Food Institute](http://www.affi.org) (AFFI) today commended the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture for approving bipartisan legislation establishing a federal labeling standard for food and beverage products with genetically enhanced ingredients (GMOs).

Introduced by Reps. Mike Pompeo (R-Kan.) and G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.), the "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015" preempts state-level efforts to enact mandatory GMO labeling by empowering the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to create a uniform, national labeling program.

"AFFI applauds the House Agriculture Committee for approving legislation to create a federal program for the labeling of foods containing genetically enhanced ingredients," said AFFI President and CEO Kraig R. Naasz. "AFFI supports a responsible and effective federal labeling program that prevents the creation of a complicated patchwork of state-based labeling rules that would increase, rather than reduce, consumer confusion and food prices."

"A voluntary program, administered by FDA, to evaluate food labels that claim the presence, or absence, of genetically-enhanced ingredients will bolster consumer confidence, while giving frozen food and beverage makers the certainty they need to meet the needs of America's consumers," said Naasz.

The full U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote on the legislation before the August recess.

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The American Frozen Food Institute is the national trade association promoting and representing the interests of all segments of the frozen food and beverage industry. AFFI works to foster industry development and growth, and advocates before legislative and regulatory entities on the industry's behalf. More information can be found at www.affi.org.