

Food bill is good
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The May 31 letter, "Vote out Rogers," criticizing Mike Rogers' National Uniformity for Food Act was grossly misleading. The bill recently passed the U.S. House with a strong majority of Democrats and Republicans.

The legislation sets national safety standards for all foods, in a manner similar to the way the U.S. Department of Agriculture sets standards for meat and poultry, or nutrition and allergen labeling is prescribed by the Food and Drug Administration.

Contrary to the writer's assertions, the legislation would not prevent the states from setting and upholding health standards for milk and eggs; nor would it bar the states from issuing warnings about chemical contamination in fish. No existing state standards could be pre-empted without prior petition and subsequent review by the FDA. Only two (not 200) Michigan labeling requirements would be subject to national review.

Congressman Rogers deserves credit for caring about uniform food safety for Michigan's residents.

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