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National Uniformity for Food Coalition: Senate Bill Recognizes National Uniformity in Food Safety Standards and Warning Labels as a National Priority

Washington, D.C. – The National Uniformity for Food Coalition released the following statement regarding the Senate introduction of “The National Uniformity for Food Act”:

“We applaud Senators Richard Burr (R-NC), Pat Roberts (R-KS), and Ben Nelson (D-NE) for introducing the National Uniformity for Food Act, which would provide for accurate, consistent and science-based food safety regulations for packaged foods that protect consumers nationwide.

“We urge the Senate to quickly consider and pass the National Uniformity for Food Act, so that consumers in all 50 states receive a single set of food safety standards and warning labels just as they do now for nutrition information, allergen labeling and pesticide tolerances, and we also call on the Senate to hold a hearing on this important issue as soon as possible.

“The National Uniformity for Food Act is an important piece of legislation that will help consumers make educated decisions for themselves and their families in an ever-changing and confusing food labeling environment. It will also ensure that the states and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration can work collaboratively to establish sound food safety policies that educate and benefit consumers.

“Further, the National Uniformity for Food Act ensures that food safety standards and warning labels on packaged foods will be based on a thorough review of scientific evidence by the world’s leading food safety experts, not on lawsuits, food fads or junk science.

“For example, the recent California Superior Court decision against the State of California’s attempt to require unnecessary warning labels on canned tuna demonstrates the need for a uniform, science-based national standard when it comes to food safety.”

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4167, the National Uniformity for Food Act, with the bipartisan support of 283 Members of Congress.

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About the National Uniformity for Food Coalition:

The mission of the National Uniformity for Food Coalition is to provide consumers with a single set of food safety standards that are developed in cooperation with state policymakers, and that are based on a consensus interpretation of the entire body of scientific evidence. www.uniformityforfood.org