



# Congress of Racial Equality

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House  
US House of Representatives  
H232 The Capital  
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Dear Speaker Hastert:

I am writing to urge you to support H.R. 4167, the “National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005,” when this legislation is brought to the House floor.

The Congress of Racial Equality is a 64 year old Human Rights and Civil Rights organization. We have been an NGO with Consultative Status at the United Nations since 1972. For over 30 years, CORE has been fighting poverty and hunger for our constituents here at home and in Africa. Food production, accessibility and safety are great concerns to our organization. We believe passage of this bill will help further our mission.

We recognize that it makes no sense to have different states adopting different regulatory requirements on identical food products. H.R. 4167 will instead provide consumers with a single set of consistent, science-based food safety regulations for food products sold in all 50 states. The National Uniformity for Food Act takes a measured approach to national uniformity for food by providing a mechanism for a thorough, orderly review of existing state regulations that may differ from federal regulations. By granting states the ability to have the federal government adopt their state standard, this bill carefully balances the need for uniformity while respecting the important role state and local governments have in ensuring the safety of the food supply.

We believe a more efficient national system of regulation for food products, that harmonizes federal, state and local efforts, will lower costs. If costs to the producers are lower, we believe our consumers will benefit by the price of food being lower. For our constituents, many of whom have a modest income, this is of great benefit.

On behalf of CORE’s National Chairman, Roy Innis, CORE members and supporters nationwide, we thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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