

Support the National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005

Dear Representative:

The House is scheduled to vote on H.R. 4167, the National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005, on March 2.

The Food Marketing Institute, representing over 26,000 supermarkets in the United States, encourages you to support this legislation on behalf of its customers. H.R. 4167 recognizes that it is confusing to consumers to have a patchwork quilt of state laws establishing different regulatory requirements for identical food products. Consumers deserve a single standard when it comes to food safety and this bill will allow the FDA and the states to work collaboratively to establish sound food safety policies that benefit, not confuse, consumers.

The bill contains a method for the orderly review and harmonization of existing state food safety adulteration laws and warnings as they relate to federal law. No existing state law would be preempted without this review and those state requirements under petition would stay in effect during that review.

FMI and its members urge you to vote for H.R. 4167.

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