

Support the National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005: Vote **No** on Representative Capps' amendment and **Yes** on Final Passage of H.R. 4167

The House is scheduled to take up H.R. 4167, the National Uniformity bill, on Wednesday, March 8. 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 would provide consumers with a single standard when it comes to food safety rather than the current patchwork of state laws establishing different regulatory requirements in different states.

Unfortunately a number of amendments will be introduced that would mar the intent and integrity of the bill, the most onerous of these is an amendment to be offered by Representative Capps. Under the Capps amendment, states could still require inconsistent, confusing, misleading and, in some cases, unsubstantiated warnings. Consumers deserve consistent, science-based information regardless of what state they live in and H.R. 4167 provides a process for the states and federal government to work together to harmonize food safety policies.

FMI and its members urge you to vote for H.R. 4167 and against Representative Capps' amendment.

Sincerely,
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