



The Association of Food, Beverage
and Consumer Products Companies

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PRESIDENT AND
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The Honorable Mike Rogers
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rogers:

On behalf of the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA), I am writing to thank you for your sponsorship and support of H.R. 4167, the "National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005." This legislation is a top priority for GMA's members. The House is expected to take up the measure shortly and we urge you to vote for the bill.

H.R. 4167 is common-sense legislation that will help consumers make educated decisions for themselves and their families in an ever-changing and currently confusing food labeling environment. Consumers deserve a single standard when it comes to food safety, and this bill will allow states and the FDA to work collaboratively in establishing sound food safety policies that benefit, not confuse, consumers.

The legislation recognizes that it makes no sense to have different states adopting different regulatory requirements on identical food products. This bill will instead provide consumers with a single set of consistent, science-based food safety regulations for food products sold in all 50 states.

GMA represents the world's leading branded food, beverage and consumer products companies. GMA member companies employ more than 2.5 million workers in all 50 states and account for more than \$680 billion in annual sales.

Passage of H.R. 4167 is critical to GMA and America's consumers. We urge you to vote in favor of this important legislation on the House floor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. Manly Molpus".

C. Manly Molpus
President and CEO

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