

February 27, 2006

The Honorable Jim Ramstad  
United States Congress  
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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Ramstad:

Thank you for your previous support of H.R. 4167, the “National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005.” In addition to your support, the legislation has 227 bipartisan co-sponsors, and was reported by a bipartisan vote from the Energy and Commerce Committee on December 15, 2005. With a vote scheduled later this week on the House floor, we urge you to vote “YES” for the measure and “NO” on any hostile amendments.

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The Honorable John Kline  
United States Congress  
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Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Congressman Kline:

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The Honorable Mark Kennedy  
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Dear Congressman Kennedy:

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The Honorable Gil Gutknecht  
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Dear Congressman Gutknecht:

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The Honorable Collin Peterson  
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Dear Congressman Peterson:

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