



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

Uncounted Votes Prevent Oregon GMO Labeling Victory

Federal Entities Now Attempting to Ban States

From Passing GMO Labeling Laws

Thank you so much for supporting Oregon citizens and [Oregon Right to Know](#) campaign in their work to pass Citizen Measure 92 to require GMO Labeling. The race was so close a recount was done and Measure 92 was about 800 votes short of a win. **But now a federal bill** aimed at pre-empting states' rights to require labeling of GMOs (genetically modified organisms) needs to be stopped!

The latest from Oregon Right to Know was that there were 4600 uncounted ballots because of non-matching signatures (They said the signatures on the ballot envelopes didn't match the signatures on the voters' registration cards). The 4600 were contested in court and even though Judge Kantor agreed that leaving 4,600 ballots uncounted in this election would cause irreparable harm to those voters and to the Measure 92 campaign, he ruled that Oregon law didn't allow him to issue the order to stop count.

And now a federal bill has been introduced, ([H.R.4432](#)), aimed at preempting states' rights to require labeling of GMOs. The official bill name, "The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act" has been dubbed by critics as the DARK Act (Deny Americans the Right to Know).

Bold Un-American Excerpt from H.R. 4432: *“(c) PROHIBITIONS AGAINST MANDATORY LABELING OF FOOD DEVELOPED USING BIOENGINEERING.—Except for claims under subsection (a)(1) or (b)(1) of section 425, no State or political subdivision of a State may directly; or indirectly establish under any authority or continue in effect as to any food in interstate commerce any requirement for the labeling of a food by virtue of its having been developed using bioengineering, including any requirements for claims that a food is or contains an ingredient that was developed using bioengineering.”*

Congressional Hearings on the DARK Act were held December 10, 2014, and 600 protestors gathered from across the country to express their opposition to HR 4432. Our friends at [Organic Consumers Association](#) helped to organize and promote this hearing and reported to us the all-too-frequent comments by both Democratic and Republican legislators in support of this bill that would ban states from requiring GMO labeling. [Click Here to read OCA's Summary](#)

We are grateful to Organic Consumers Association in their reminder to us of the larger progress being made when they say: *Vermont has passed a solid, enforceable GMO labeling law. Sales of organics continue to outpace sales of their GMO junk food. Companies like Coca-Cola and General Mills are struggling. Last week Hershey's announced it will remove genetically engineered high fructose corn syrup from its brand- name products. The United Nations has declared that small farmers, not Monsanto, will feed the world.”*

We need to know the truth about the ingredients going into the food products we are consuming. We need to have access to knowledge, if we are going to have freedom of choice. That means we need to do everything we can to build a huge and ever-growing grassroots presence that stands for food freedom – the right to know what’s in our food, and the right to grow and to access foods that are nourishing and safe. Stay tuned for more information. We will keep you posted on what you can do.



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