

# Please Support H.112 – Label GMOs Now!

## Labeling Genetically Engineered Foods

- H.112 is defensible and can withstand a legal challenge.
- Vermonters have made it clear that they need to know whether there are GMOs in the foods they are purchasing, and they have good reasons for that.
- The State of Vermont shares Vermonters' concerns, and the State has a right and responsibility to address them.

For H.112 to be upheld under the First Amendment the state would need to be able to show that the regulation is **reasonably related** to a **legitimate government interest**. The legitimate government interests adopted in this bill are listed below.

## Protecting Vermonters from potential health risks

- There is a lack of consensus on the safety of GMO foods. *A reasonable way to address this lack of consensus is to label genetically engineered foods in order to let consumers avoid foods that are of concern to them.*



## Preventing consumer confusion and deception

- There is widespread confusion among consumers about what foods are genetically engineered. *Labeling genetically engineered foods is a reasonable way to make sure consumers know what foods are produced with genetic engineering.*
- Currently genetically engineered foods are allowed to be labeled as “all natural.” *H.112 would stop this deceptive advertising practice.*

## Avoiding the environmental issues associated with producing genetically engineered foods

- Agricultural practices associated with producing genetically engineered crops have led to an increase in the use of herbicides and other matters of environmental concern. *Labeling genetically engineered foods would allow consumers to avoid products that were produced using agricultural practices that they do not approve of.*

## Protecting religious practices

- Some religious groups have concerns about consuming genetically engineered foods. *Labeling genetically engineered foods would allow people with religious concerns to avoid eating them.*