

Walla Walla, Washington Union-Bulletin editorial: Voluntarily labeling of GMOs is a sound approach

Although science has not determined food with genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are dangerous, or even unhealthy, some folks are squeamish about consuming those foods.

Those concerns are, to a point, understandable. But what's not reasonable is mandating GMO labeling at the state level, as was proposed in a ballot measure last fall. The proposal, Initiative 522, was wisely defeated by voters.

We urged Washington state voters to reject I-522 because we believed (and still do) GMO product labeling should be driven by the marketplace. Those selling products without GMOs should label them as such to attract the crowd's skeptical about GMOs. If sales boomed, the practice would grow and, perhaps, the GMO market would shrink.

Government involvement, particularly at the state level, is unnecessary.

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