

Boston Globe Editorial: GMO state labeling bills misguided, exaggerates illogical fears of food and Big Ag

Congress created mandatory nationwide food labels, and it is Congress that has a responsibility to ensure they don't stray from their original purpose of providing valid health and safety information to consumers. With that goal in mind, the Senate [should approve controversial legislation](#) that would prevent states from requiring food makers to add misleading and superfluous data to labels.

States that have mandated its inclusion next to legitimate health information are piggybacking on the credibility of food labels to imply that genetically modified foods are also a health or nutrition factor — which study after study has shown is not the case.

Other critics of genetically modified foods admit they're safe to eat, but ... say that consumers want to know whether their food comes from the big corporations that develop and profit from genetically modified seeds.

States that have tried to add content about genetically modified ingredients to food labels are undermining the credibility of the labeling system, which consumers will ignore if they lose trust that it's based on science.

The labeling legislation is the rare issue where the scientific community, which has overwhelmingly concluded the GM foods and crops are as safe or safer than other conventional or organic foods. has aligned with Republicans, who've led the effort to preempt the state laws. The House has passed its version of the legislation to safeguard the integrity of food labeling laws, and the Senate should follow suit. Republicans have a great chance to disprove critics who've long accused them of anti-scientific bias, and they should take it.

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