

## State GMO labeling bills force conservatives to favor federal power over states

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Once upon a time, conservatives were quick to denounce federal power grabs at the expense of the states. . . .

. . . . The conservative case for less federal power over states rests on the assumption that the states will have lower taxes, fewer regulations and a more pro-industry climate. Today, states with liberal policy-making majorities often pass laws going well beyond federal regulations. . . . Now comes Vermont's new food labeling law, and Kansas Congressman Mike Pompeo and Sen. Pat Roberts are none too happy about it.

. . . . Vermont's law would be the first in the nation requiring the labeling of food containing [GMOs]. . . . Pompeo and Roberts have led the efforts in the House and Senate, respectively, to pre-empt the Vermont law. . . .

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. . . . Pompeo, Roberts, Monsanto and their allies fear that these labels will needlessly scare consumers. . . .

Critics charge Roberts and Pompeo with selling out to Monsanto, but that may not be fair. Conservatives have long advocated limiting government regulation over the private sector. The question is, what happened to . . . limiting federal interference with the state governments? . . . .

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