

Caveats to consider about the Senate's GMO labeling bill

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Senate agriculture leaders have come up with [misguided legislation](#) that would mandate labels for genetically engineered food (GMO).

Here are some quick points that policymakers should consider regarding this legislation:

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. . . . Preemption [of state law] is inappropriate when the federal government is merely swapping a state mandate for a federal mandate, maintaining all of the biggest problems with mandatory labeling.

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A federal mandate has the same problems as any state mandate. It may create uniformity, but creating uniform bad policy doesn't make it good policy. . . .

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There is a rush to get ahead of Vermont's state mandatory law. . . the law won't be enforced [until](#) 2017. . . . This rush is coming at the expense of developing sound policy.

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Once the federal government gives the green light to mandatory labeling. . . It's highly unlikely that this bad policy will ever get undone. . . .

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. . . .Congress should never pass a law that it knows is both misleading and contradictory to the science.

. . . .The Senate should do the right thing, even if it means . . . a longer fight.

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