

## How Republicans and Democrats could work together to streamline biotech regulations

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On March 9, 2017, the National Academy of Sciences released its report titled [\*Preparing for Future Products of Biotechnology\*](#).

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[T]here are several recommendations [in the report] that should receive bipartisan support.... If those recommendations are implemented, they would greatly improve the federal regulatory system for biotechnology products.

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One recommendation that should garner universal support is that “to enable effective regulation, it would be beneficial to have *a single point of entry* into the regulatory system.” The current regulatory system for biotechnology products involves [three different agencies](#)—FDA, USDA, and EPA—and applies different statutes to different products. Some products, such as a corn plant engineered to produce a biological pesticide, require separate reviews by three agencies.

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With more biotechnology products expected in the next five to ten years than ever before, now is the time to make the necessary regulatory changes so that safe, new products can be marketed and their benefits can be realized by farmers, consumers, and the environment.

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