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Midwest Food Processors Disappointed in GMO Senate Vote

The Midwest Food Processors Association ([MWFPA](http://mwfpa.org)) today expressed its disappointment with the United States Senate's inability to come to agreement on a bill prohibiting states from requiring genetically modified food labels. A cloture vote on the bill, which required 60 votes for passage, failed 48-49 yesterday.

MWFPA President Nick George said failure to pass the measure "opens the door to unnecessarily raising the cost of food for families across the country." He pointed to a recent study conducted by the Corn Refiners Association that found consumers could pay up to \$1,050 more a year per family for food should state-level GMO labeling mandates become effective. Vermont is set to require such labels this summer, and other states are considering similar laws.

"Genetically modified foods are an integral part of the industry and our diets. Seventy to eighty percent of the American food supply contains GMOs and we have consumed them for 20 years without issue," said George. "Basic crops like corn, soybeans and sugar beets cost up to 30% less thanks to GMOs. These savings are then passed along to our consumers" he added.

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MWFPA supported the Senate bill and similar legislation that would create a science-based system of national uniformity regarding the labeling of food products derived from genetically engineered plants. Such uniformity would prevent the creation of a patchwork of conflicting state or local labeling laws which could interfere with interstate and foreign commerce.

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