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## **NPC Backs Roberts-Stabenow GMO Legislation**

**Washington, D.C.** – The National Potato Council supports the legislation released by Senate Agriculture Chairman Pat Roberts and ranking member Debbie Stabenow that establishes a national disclosure standard for bioengineered foods. The agreement preempts all state labeling laws related to the labeling of genetically modified food and uses a definition of genetic engineering that potato growers support. NPC is hopeful that a national solution can be passed into law by Congress before the negative impacts of Vermont’s looming law are felt.

“This is a timely and important step forward in the labeling discussion as it would prevent a patchwork of confusing state laws,” said NPC CEO John Keeling. “We thank the Senators for their hard work on this bipartisan legislation and urge the Senate to vote on it next week.”

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