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128 Legislators Sign Letter Urging Action on GMO Labeling Bill

BOSTON – Representative Ellen Story (D-Amherst), Representative Todd Smola (R-Warren), Senator Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem) joined 124 of their colleagues in the State Legislature in support of the GMO labeling bill, H3242. 105 Representatives and 23 Senators signed onto a letter this week urging the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to report favorably on the bill and release it from their committee before the end of the year.

“We had a wonderful hearing in September, and I hope that it will come to the floor for a vote in January,” said Representative Story.

“Support for this legislation has been growing both at the State House and with the public,” said Representative Smola. “The remarkable turnout at our public hearing back in September clearly demonstrates that this legislation needs to come before the Legislature for a vote.”

“Constituents from all of the communities I represent have reached out to my office in support of GMO labeling,” said Senator Lovely. “I look forward to the Committee taking action on this bill so that we can bring this important piece of legislation before the full House and Senate.”

“At the end of the day, residents here in Massachusetts deserve transparency around something as fundamental as the food they eat and feed their families,” said Deirdre Cummings of MASSPIRG and the Massachusetts Coalition for GMO Labeling. “Whether we want to seek out or avoid GMOs, this bill will allow consumers to make more educated and informed choices about the food they purchase.”

H3242 was joint filed by Representatives Story and Smola at the beginning of the current legislative session and has since been co-sponsored by 154 lawmakers. A public hearing was held on September 22, 2015 at the State House before the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. The Committee received testimony in favor of the bill from more than 100 legislators as well as members of the general public.



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Following the hearing, H3242 is now with the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture awaiting their review and recommendation.

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