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**Gov. Shumlin Statement on U.S. Senate Rejection of Bill to Block Vermont's GMO Labeling Law**

**MONTPELIER** – The U.S. Senate today rejected a bill that would have prevented Vermont from implementing its GMO labeling law, which goes into effect on July 1, 2016. Gov. Peter Shumlin issued the following statement after the vote.

“Today is a good day for Vermonters’ right to know what is in their food. I’m pleased that the U.S. Senate did the right thing by rejecting the food industry’s effort to prevent Vermont from implementing our law. I want to thank Vermont’s congressional delegation for having Vermonters’ backs in Washington D.C. on this issue and so many others.

“Labeling GMOs is a common sense consumer right. Over 60 countries already require it. America has the moral imagination to join them, and I am so proud that Vermont is leading the way. The food industry, led by Monsanto, has left no stone unturned in their effort deny consumer rights and thwart Vermont’s law. Today’s effort in the U.S. Senate was just the latest attempt. It will not be the last. Vermont will continue to fight to implement our law on July 1<sup>st</sup> and give consumers the right they are demanding.”

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