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## **Kucinich Introduces Bills to Label Genetically Engineered Food and Protect Consumers**

Five bills introduced in the House of Representatives to provide a comprehensive regulatory framework

Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich (D-OH) introduced five bills today that will provide a comprehensive regulatory framework for all genetically engineered plants, animals, bacteria, and other organisms.

The five bills include the Genetically Engineered Food Right to Know Act of 2002, which requires food companies to label all foods that contain or are produced with genetically engineered materials and instructs the Food and Drug Administration to conduct periodic tests to ensure compliance. Also introduced today were the Genetically Engineered Food Safety Act of 2002, the Genetically Engineered Crop and Animal Framer Protection Act of 2002, the Genetically Engineered Organism Liability Act of 2002, and the Real Solutions to World Hunger Act of 2002.

"This technology is totally different from traditional breeding techniques," Kucinich stated. "Genetic engineering is a powerful technology. Current laws, such as our food safety and environmental laws, were not written with this technology in mind."

Combined Kucinich's bills would ensure that consumers are protected, increase food safety, protect farmers rights, make biotech companies liable for their products, and help developing nations resolve hunger concerns.

The bills which have all have over twenty co-sponsors in the House of Representatives have also been endorsed by the Sierra Club, National Farmers Organization, Center for Food Safety, Organic Trade Organization, and the American Corn Growers Association.