

The Honorable Roger Marshall, M.D.
479A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

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Dear Senator Marshall,

We are state legislators who have sponsored or enacted state legislation to ensure the safety of food additives. We are concerned by recent news reports suggesting that you will introduce legislation that could preempt our power to do so.

We support federal efforts to narrow or close loopholes that currently allow new food chemicals into commerce without independently-verified safety reviews. We also support federal action to regularly and systematically reevaluate the safety of food additives which are already in commerce. However, we urge you to also preserve the power and autonomy of states to protect our consumers and preserve the longstanding collaborative partnership between the federal government and our states.

States have led efforts to address the risks posed by food chemicals by enacting laws in more than 20 states and are considering laws in other states. All of the ingredients addressed by these state laws and bills have already been addressed by our trading partners in other nations ensuring that alternative formulations already exist and thus these state laws will not create an economic burden to the industry.

We are grateful that Congress may consider food safety legislation. As you do so, we urge you to reject efforts to limit the power of states to protect our consumers.

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