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## **Statement from Michigan Agri-Business Association on bipartisan food labeling agreement**

LANSING – **Jim Byrum**, president of the **Michigan Agri-Business Association**, made the following statement on today's announcement of a bipartisan agreement on food labeling:

"This is a landmark agreement that will provide needed certainty for U.S. agriculture, and I deeply appreciate the bipartisan commitment shown by Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Pat Roberts to reach consensus. In particular, this bipartisan agreement will establish critical precedent on the issue of GMO labeling, preventing a patchwork of state laws that would create dysfunction and confusion in the food system, hurting farmers and consumers alike. By working together, Senator Stabenow and Senator Roberts have created a common-sense system that will expand information for consumers about the food they buy, while avoiding burdensome and costly hurdles for food producers."

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