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Health and Freedom Supporters send 636,516 emails to Congress to stop fake "Food Safety" bill (H.R. 2749). Ron Paul's office says vote is near.

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"Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009" a Threat to Food AND Freedom!

Congress is set to deliver a huge blow to local food production and safety by giving Big Agra interests exactly what they want: the industrialization of all food production in the US -- forcing family farms, natural, successful home gardeners and other local food sources to meet Agra-Biz industrial standards or go out of business. H.R. 2749 -- the (sic) "Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009" has been "fast tracked" and is heading to a vote this week under a Suspension of Rules that will allow no amendments and a total of 40 minutes debate. The latest report we've had indicates the bill was removed from the voting agenda today: rumors suggest that continued strong public opposition may force the bill back to committee for further amendment.

The Natural Solutions Foundation, www.HealthFreedomUSA.org, concerned by Codex Alimentarius' US-led industrialization and global degradation of the food supply, noted with alarm the introduction of bills to do the same thing here in the US. While the public was distracted by the economic collapse and the non-lethal Swine Flu "Pandemic Emergency" and the threat of mandatory vaccination with the weaponized Swine Flu vaccine, Congress was planning its own surprise: the forced-industrialization-of-farming bills, such as HR 875 & 759, were replaced by a new "fast-tracked" (sic) "Food Safety" bill - HR 2749 - that threatens food, health and freedom. Since it gives the FDA power to declare marshal law in the face of food contamination in the US, it is, in reality, a "martial law food control bill" -- see: <http://farmwars.info/?p=1145>

Small farms, organic production, biodynamic operations and home farmers who share their food will be required to comply with standards which they cannot afford, like seed sorting plants running to more than a million dollars for each species of seed when no threat has ever been posed by simple hand sorting devices. All food preparation and storage facilities, including home kitchens, could be entered without a warrant for inspection of records - which no home keeps. Ultimately, the only acceptable food would be prepared, industrialized and industry-controlled food. Codex standards and guidelines would govern all agricultural production, driving non-chemical operations out of business.

Today, recognizing the importance of push back and citizen involvement in the legislative

process, Rep. Ron Paul, responding to the 600,000+ emails supporters of health freedom have sent to Congress demanding protection for organic farming and food freedom, urged, through his Legislative Aide, that the Natural Solutions Foundation "Keep it up!"

Natural Solutions Foundation's White Paper on Food Safety is here:

<http://www.healthfreedomusa.org/?p=2287>

It includes information in support of the Action Item to tell Congress to protect both our food and our freedom at:

http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/568/t/1128/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=26714

Assaults on Health Freedom have not been limited to proposed food fascism. The right to refuse vaccines is threatened under both federal and state statutes. Outraged over the impossible choice presented to the to either accept Swine Flu vaccines (without the possibility of exemptions) or face incarceration, Americans have sent over 1 million emails to decision makers demanding the right to Self Shield in the face of Pandemic Swine Flu vaccination.

The Natural Solutions Foundation's White Paper on Self Shielding is available at <http://www.healthfreedomusa.org/?p=2752> and the Action Item to demand the right to refuse vaccines/incarceration and Self Shield is available here: http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/568/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=27275.

For more information on these and other Health Freedom issues, see the July 7, 2009 eBlast from Natural Solutions Foundation: <http://www.healthfreedomusa.org/?p=3048>.

For information about the annual Codex Alimentarius ("world food code") meeting click here: <http://www.healthfreedomusa.org/?p=3041>.

We thank Dr. Ron Paul (TX-R) for confirming that Push Back works! .

For example, we've been urging Congress to defeat all fake "Food Safety" bills since they do not address the major health and environmental threats posed by huge factory farms and feed lots which threaten local production. When the Foundation created our an Action Item more than a half a million emails told federal legislators to protect family farms and ranches, organic, natural and home food production, food co-ops, community gardens, etc.

See: No HARMonization White Paper: <http://www.healthfreedomusa.org/?p=2394>

Our original proposed amendment: <http://www.healthfreedomusa.org/?p=2246> *

And, apparently, they heard at least part of the message. Those who support HR 2749 are touting the (slight) "farmer protection" added to the bill to initially get it out of committee:

"Are Small Farms Protected?"

"The legislation is doing a bunch of things for food safety, most notably giving the FDA mandatory recall authority. This has been a major sticking point for previous iterations of this legislation in the House, because House reps more than senators represent small fiefdoms

inside large rural states. These districts wide recalls will disproportionately harm smaller businesses and processors versus their larger partners. In a sense, FDA recalls and fees would represent a regressive tax.

"This is an extremely valid concern given the FDA's proclivity for influence from industry. However, this bill was able to climb out of committee in the House because it properly addressed small growers and farmers markets. Specifically, Section 107 of the bill which stipulates 'Traceability Requirements' on most farms makes an exemption for farmer's markets (more or less):

~(4) EXEMPTIONS-

~(A) DIRECT SALES BY FARMS- Food is exempt from the requirements of this subsection if such food is-

~(i) produced on a farm; and

~(ii) sold by the owner, operator, or agent in charge of such farm directly to a consumer or restaurant.

"Traceability is a huge issue and this bill seeks to establish a new electronic system for tracking that will be vetted over the course of a couple years. The exemption for small farmers is good but poorly defined. We hope this vague language about exemptions gets tightened up as the bill moves forward. It would be a pity to see this single exemption allow major agribusiness farmers off the hook."

<http://nutritionwonderland.com/2009/06/food-safety-enhancement-act-hr-2749/>

This weak provision is not the protection we want for local food production. But it is a start. We are concerned that the word "farm" could be construed too narrowly. What about religious communities, nonprofits, co-ops, community and family gardens that produce surpluses... Real protection is needed for local, natural production.

This is not a bill that we expect conscientious congresspeople to support, and we certainly don't support what has been called a "martial law food control bill."

Health Freedom advocates need to redouble our efforts to get Congress to listen!

Here is the action item -

http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/568/t/1128/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=26714

Natural Solutions Foundation President, Maj. Gen. Bert Stubblebine (USA Ret.) stated,

"We do not need a fake food safety bill that forces the industrialization of family and natural food production while not addressing the very real safety problems caused by industrialized food production. The Foundation, as always, proposes Natural Solutions to this dilemma and urges supporters to visit our new Food Freedom eJournal at <http://www.FoodFreedomJournal.org>."

Remember to follow us on twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/healthfreedomus> and <http://www.twitter.com/drlaibow> - whenever we post a new item, the link appears on twitter!

* The language was modified later, and this later language was sent to Congress many thousands of times:

"The citizens ascribing to this Petition therefore hereby request that the Food Safety Modernization Act be defeated, or that it, or any substitute for it, such as H.R. 759, be amended to exclude organic and natural agriculture, family farms and ranches, and natural or organic food products, including dietary supplements, through a rule of interpretation, as follows:

"Rule of Interpretation

"No provision of this act shall be deemed to apply (a) to any home, home-business, homestead, small farm organic or natural agricultural activity, (b) to any family farm or ranch, or (c) to any natural or organic food product, including dietary supplements regulated under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994."

"We also note the language of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 USC sec 203 (s) (2) which provides, "(2) Any establishment that has as its only regular employees the owner thereof or the parent, spouse, child, or other member of the immediate family of such owner shall not be considered to be an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce or a part of such an enterprise..."

"Language such as this would be helpful to allay our concerns."

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