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Kucinich To Host News Conference, Briefing On Impact Of Genetically Engineered Food on Food Security

International Delegation To Join Congressmen at Capitol Hill Events

On Thursday, July 12th, Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH-10) will host a news conference and briefing with members of the international organization Parliamentarians for Global Action, (PGA) to discuss the impact of genetically engineered food on food security worldwide. The news conference begins at 9:30 a.m., *Room 121*, Cannon House Office Building. Following the news conference, Kucinich will chair a briefing at 11:00 a.m. with the PGA to discuss further perspectives on how the international community is dealing with genetically engineered foods. *Room 2168, the Gold Room*, Rayburn House Office Building.

Kucinich is interested in hearing an international view on genetically engineered food and how other nations are taking a more cautious approach to genetically engineered foods with stricter labeling requirements than those currently in effect in the United States.

Joining Congressman Kucinich at the news conference and briefing are:

Ms. Jean Augustine, MP from Canada; Ms. Theresa Tagoe, MP from Ghana; Mr. Harlen Désir, MEP from France; Mr. Ross Robertson, MP from New Zealand; Mr. Suresh Keswani, MP from India; and Mr. Karl-Göran Biörsmark, MP from Sweden. Other members of PGA attending represent Argentina, Israel, Ireland, Jamaica, Chile, Bulgaria and the United Kingdom.

On Wednesday, Congressman Kucinich offered an amendment to the House Agricultural Appropriations bill to place a one-year delay on FDA approval of genetically engineered fish. In offering the amendment, Kucinich cited concerns raised by commercial fishermen and environmentalists that genetically engineered fish may pose ecological risks that have not been carefully considered. Even though the amendment failed by a vote of 279 to 149, Congressman Kucinich said he was pleased that at least one third of the Members voting expressed their concern over expeditious approval of genetically engineered fish by voting in favor of his amendment.

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