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The Vermont General Assembly
Sen. John Campbell, Pres. Pro Tempore
Rep. Shap Smith, Speaker of the House
Vermont State House
Montpelier, Vermont

Re: Act 120 – Attorney General Report on Labeling of Milk

Dear Senator Campbell and Speaker Smith:

Act 120 of the 2013 Biennium, the law requiring the labeling of foods produced with genetic engineering, included a provision requiring the Attorney General to submit “a report regarding whether milk and milk products should be subject to the labeling requirements of 9 V.S.A. chapter 82A for food produced with genetic engineering.” 2013, No. 120 (Adj. Session), § 6. This section of Act 120 also provided:

(b) In exercise of the Attorney General’s authority to defend the interests of the State, the Attorney General, in his or her discretion, may notify the General Assembly that it is not in the best interest of the State to submit the report required under subsection (a) of this section on or before January 15, 2015. Any notice submitted under this subsection shall estimate the date when the report shall be submitted to the General Assembly.

As you know, Vermont has been sued over the validity of Act 120 and that legal action is still on going. Exercising my authority and discretion, I hereby notify the General Assembly that it is not in the best interests of the State to submit the report required by § 6(a) of Act 120 at this

time. My office will submit the required report within 60 days of the termination of the litigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Sorrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and "S".

William H. Sorrell
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Cc: Rep. Carolyn Partridge, Chair
Vermont House Committee on Agriculture and Forest Products

Rep. Maxine Jo Grad, Chair
Vermont House Committee on Judiciary

Sen. Robert Starr, Chair
Vermont Senate Committee on Agriculture

Sen. Dick Sears, Chair
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