

## GMO-labeling advocates still hoping for a bill in California

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A proposal to label genetically-engineered foods sold in California has failed twice in recent years as biotech companies and the manufacturers of packaged foods mounted costly opposition campaigns. Voters rejected the idea at the ballot box in 2012, and legislators turned down a similar bill two years later.

But ever-optimistic advocates who want labels on foods containing genetically-modified ingredients are still working at it. They sent out an email Tuesday pleading with supporters to help find a lawmaker to carry their bill.

And fast. Friday is the deadline for legislators to introduce new bills.

“California needs an author for a labeling bill by this Friday... or we will have to wait until next year to get a GMO Labeling Bill here in the Golden State,” the LabelGMOs group wrote in an email to supporters.

The message asked Californians to contact their representatives “with your most heartfelt reasons for wanting GMOs labeled,” and called out 14 state lawmakers with whom “we especially need help.”

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