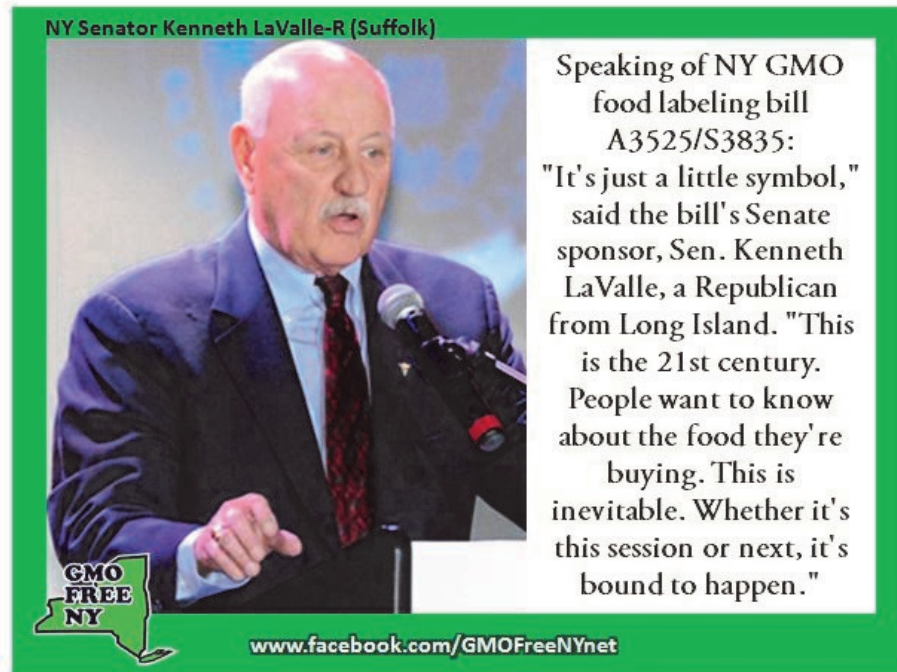


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US Farmers Are Hurt by GMO Crop Exports Being Refused Around the World.

- **2006**- Experimental Rice contaminates US Rice Exports. Cost estimate up to \$1.2B <http://bit.ly/1t4nHHr>
Bayer CropLife settles for \$750M to stop lawsuits bloom.bg/1mN7ApG
- **2013**- Mexico bans GMO corn
- **May 2013**- South Korea and Japan halt wheat imports due to a contaminated wheat field in WA <http://onforb.es/1o0dvl9>
- **September 2013**- Alfalfa exported shipment from WA rejected <http://bit.ly/1o0cRKO>
- **November 2013 to today** - China has refused shipments of corn, costing US Ag \$2.9 Billion <http://huff.to/1jZsgik>
- **April 2014**- Russia announces it will no longer import GMOs
- **May 2014**- China's army bans all GMO grains and oils from supply stations
- **July 2014**- Mexico bans GMO soy



A **free market** is an economic system in which prices are determined by unrestricted competition between privately owned businesses. Since GE ingredients are being hidden from consumers – it's not truly a free market. Labeling provides simple identification that allows a free, transparent market to operate as it should. If GMO crops are allowed to perform in a transparent market and are found to have value, they will flourish.

Is the lack of regulation helping or hindering a level playing field? Does this lack of regulation benefit specific players within an industry at the expense of their competition?

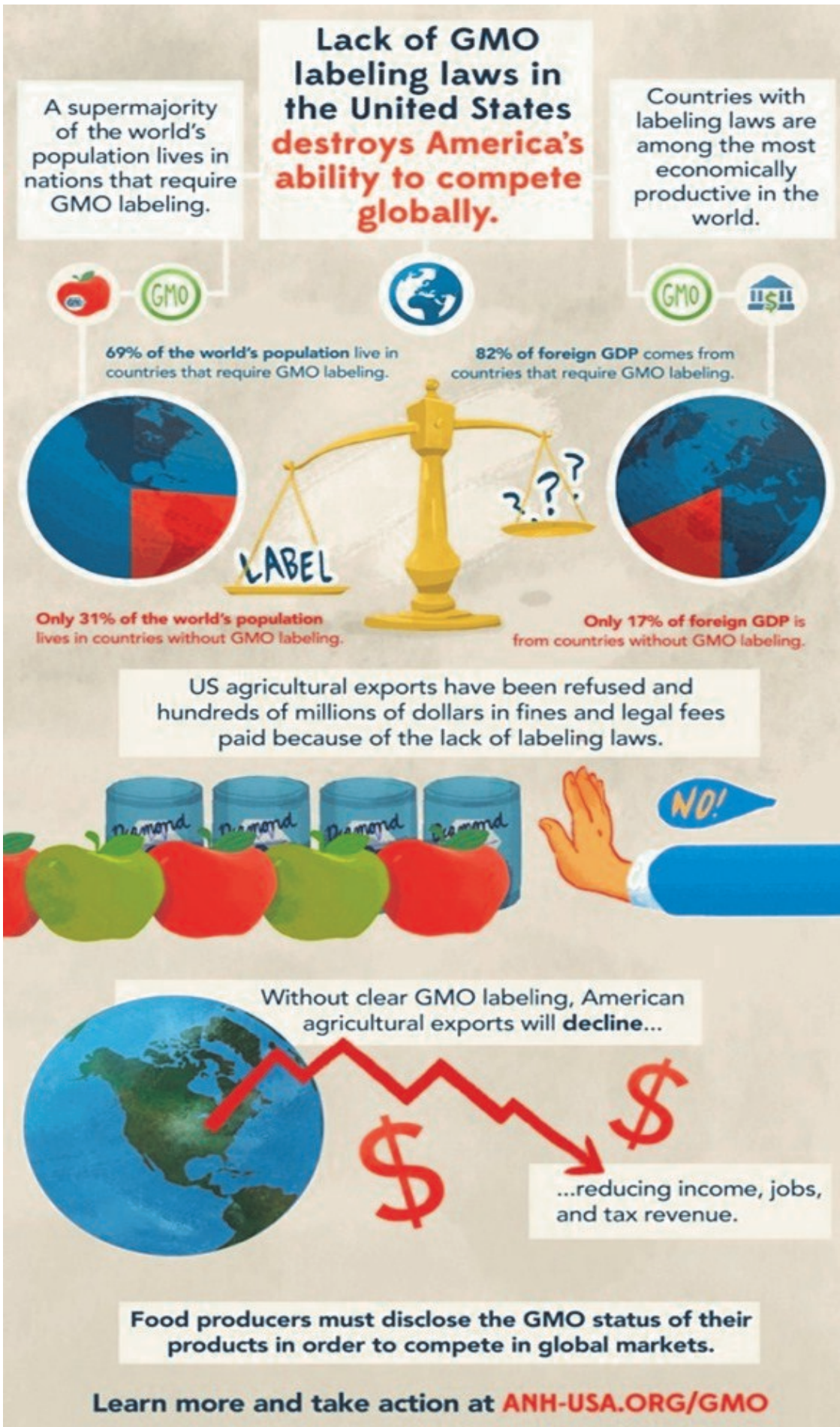
None of us wants increased oversight. However, the government is already involved in a way that takes away our inherent right to decide for ourselves.

Supporting small businesses and local economies - Increasingly concentrated wealth in the hands of large international corporations, makes it difficult for small farmers and food producers to compete.

Farmers doing business with countries with zero GMO tolerance policies are at a disadvantage. This has a disproportionate effect on non-GMO export farmers who bear the cost of rejected crop shipments and lost contracts, due to contamination.

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"We (Republicans) don't believe big government is better. Why do we believe big business operates any differently?"

At that point, they're not operating on free market principles at all, so why should they be treated as such? The same bureaucratic entrenchment, and all that, exists in big business as much as in big government. It's the nature of something that gets big and beyond an individual's scope to control. Or beyond the people's scope to control."

~ Rep. Lance Harvell
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GE Food Labeling Bill
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