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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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BAKER, APRIL 23, 2015

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REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 23, 2015

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Federal and State regulatory agencies to utilize science-  
2 based data in evaluating crop protection chemistry and  
3 nutrients.

4 WHEREAS, A sustainable agricultural system in this  
5 Commonwealth and throughout the United States is critical to the  
6 continued production of food, feed and fiber to meet both  
7 domestic and global demands; and

8 WHEREAS, The treatment, prevention and control of  
9 agricultural pests is critically important to the health and  
10 welfare of our residents and the safety of our global food, feed  
11 and fiber supply; and

12 WHEREAS, The availability of modern agricultural technologies  
13 such as precision farming equipment, crop protection chemistry,  
14 genetically engineered or enhanced traits and agricultural  
15 nutrients are critically important tools that allow farmers to  
16 expand yields, reduce environmental impacts, improve  
17 profitability and provide a safe, healthy, abundant and  
18 affordable food supply; and

1 WHEREAS, The agriculture and food production industries have  
2 a long history of success and safety in protecting and further  
3 enhancing the food, feed and fiber supply for Pennsylvania  
4 residents and the world; and

5 WHEREAS, The agriculture industry is recognized as an  
6 important contributor to the economic vitality of the  
7 Commonwealth through jobs, capital investment, farm income,  
8 value-added sectors and contributions to the Commonwealth's tax  
9 base; and

10 WHEREAS, The crop protection industry is among the most  
11 studied and regulated of all industries at both the Federal and  
12 State levels; and

13 WHEREAS, The continued success of these industries and our  
14 nation's position as a world leader in crop protection  
15 chemistry, genetically engineered or enhanced traits and  
16 nutrients depends on Federal and State regulators utilizing  
17 science-based data to assess both product and ingredient safety;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Sound science, rather than the "precautionary  
20 principle" should be the bedrock of our nation's regulatory  
21 scheme; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge Federal and State regulatory  
23 agencies to use science-based data to assess the impacts and the  
24 regulation of modern agricultural technologies, including, but  
25 not limited to, crop protection chemistry, genetically  
26 engineered or enhanced traits and nutrients; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
28 each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.