**National Oilseed Processors Association Praises President Obama**

**for Signing National Biotech Disclosure Into Law**

**Washington, D.C., July , 2016** —The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) commends President Obama today for signing into law an agreement that protects America’s food supply chain from the harmful, patchwork effect of varying state food labeling laws. This law will provide consumers with more information than ever before and ensure a transparent, national and non-stigmatizing system of ingredient disclosure.

Tom Hammer, NOPA’s President, stated that “The entire U.S. grain and oilseed value chain works extremely hard to ensure that America’s families have access to safe, sustainable, abundant and affordable food, feed and fuel. Signing this important bipartisan compromise to establish national policy concerning the labeling of food products that contain ingredients grown from genetic modification into law is an essential step to restoring certainty to the American farmers, processors and food companies who provide food and feed products to consumers.”

Hammer stated that “NOPA looks forward to continuing to work with the food and feed value chain as the law enters the very important rule making process at USDA.”

Biotechnology-derived seed products are perfectly safe and are critical to the production of higher yielding crops that more easily withstand drought and allow farmers to use fewer chemicals - which is better for everyone in the food chain from farm to fork. Hammer stated that “These technological advances have been successful for U.S. growers, processors, exporters and consumers, as well as being more sustainable for the environment. For these important reasons, NOPA has steadfastly supported the use of balanced biotechnology policies to ensure the success of trade and processing of grains and oilseeds and their derivative products.”

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*Established in 1930, the National Oilseed Processors Association’s mission is to assist the U.S. soybean, canola, flaxseed, sunflower seed and safflower seed processing industries to be the most competitive and efficient in the world by utilizing the combined expertise, knowledge and resources of its members to foster market- and science-based policies. NOPA represents 12 member companies who process over 1.8 billion bushels of oilseeds annually at 63 plants in 19 states, including 57 plants that process soybeans*