

# Veggie Dogs and Free Speech

The Constitutional Battle Over Missouri's New Meat Labeling Law

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No person advertising, offering for sale or selling all or part of a carcass or food plan shall engage in any misleading or deceptive practices, including, but not limited to, any one or more of the following:

. . . misrepresenting a product <u>as meat</u> that is not <u>derived from harvested</u> production livestock or poultry.

## meat = derived from harvested production livestock or poultry



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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI CENTRAL DIVISION

Turtle Island Foods, SPC, doing business as	
The Tofurky Company, and	
The Good Food Institute, Inc.,	
Plaintiffs,	
v. )	No. 18-cv-4173
Mark Richardson, in his official capacity as Cole County Prosecuting Attorney and	
on behalf of all Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys,	
Defendants.	

#### COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This is a civil-rights action challenging the constitutionality of Mo. Rev. Stat.
§ 265.494(7), as amended by 2018 Senate Bills 627 & 925 (the Statute). The Statute criminalizes truthful speech by prohibiting "misrepresenting" a product as "meat" if that product is "not derived from harvested production livestock or poultry." A violation of the Statute carries a



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