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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 as meat that is not 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.

Mark Richardson, in his official capacity as
Cole County Prosecuting Attorney and
on behalf of all Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys,

Defendants.

No. 18-cv-4173

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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