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(RTTNews) - Representative Lee Terry (R-NE) announced his support for the Food Safety Enhancement Act of 2009 Thursday.

"Keeping our food supply safe for consumers is an important function of our government, and the Food and Drug Administration needs the right tools to do that," Terry said.

"Several of my constituents have suffered illness and even death due to e coli and salmonellas ingestion due to lax food safety regulation."

He further added he is "pleased the committee agreed to adopt modifications to the bill that would reduce duplication of regulation over farming operations and facilities like meat packing plants."

