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Earlier this week, Vermont's Attorney General T.J. Donovan visited Slopeside Syrup and called on the federal government to amend its proposed guidance on requiring maple and honey producers to declare "added sugar" on their labels.

"I support clear and transparent labeling, and I support common sense,"

Donovan said. "That is why I stand with Vermont's sugar makers to ask the FDA to amend its guidance so that consumers are not led to believe that anything is added to their 100 percent pure Vermont maple or honey products."

agreed

Donovan also announced that his office had created a web page where Vermonters can comment on the proposed federal rules.

"Vermonters have stood behind maple for generations and sugar makers need their support again," said Brown. "Please tell the FDA what every Vermonter already knows — pure maple syrup has no added sugar."

The FDA is accepting public comment on the new rules until June 15, and has given maple and honey producers up to three years to comply with the new labeling requirements.

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