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FDA Commissioner  
Food And Drug Administration  
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Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear FDA Commissioner:

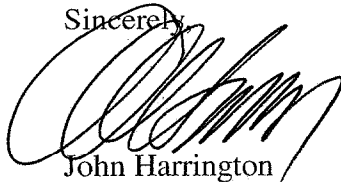
Harrington Investments, Inc., is a registered investment advisor managing assets for individuals and institutions concerned with social as well as financial returns. My clients are concerned with the production of genetically engineered food, seed and animal products. I am contacting you to express our continued concern about the possible commercialization of genetically engineered fish. I also am writing to urge the FDA not to approve the current application by A/F Protein to sell GE Salmon.

It is my understanding that genetically engineered fish have the potential to be invasive species that could cause irreversible ecological damage to wild fish stocks as well as the wider marine environment. Sterility of genetically engineered fish is inherently uncertain given the possibility for human error and natural variation. Even if sterility were ever achievable, sterile genetically engineered fish would still compete with wild fish for food, habitat and will affect the overall marine ecology.

The history of fish farming clearly demonstrates that once released into ocean ponds, fish will escape and, since fish do not obey national boundaries, any release of genetically engineered fish will have international repercussions by its very nature. The release of GE fish is a global concern in which we all have a stake and on which every government and their citizens should have an opportunity to voice their position.

Again, I urge the FDA not to approve the current application by A/F Protein for GE Salmon because GE fish pose an unnecessary and unacceptable risk to the marine environment and potentially to human health.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Greenpeace  
The Interfaith Center For Corporate Responsibility

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