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As a consumer and an American citizen, I urge you to require mandatory labeling on all genetically modified foods. I know no one who does not want this stuff labeled!

I also urge the FDA to require pre-market safety testing of all GE products. You cannot assure us - the Americans whom it is your mandate to protect - that GE foods are safe in the long term, because they have not been tested for the long term. The scientific community has a huge and growing volume of evidence suggesting that it is not safe --- either for consumers, or for the environment. Your own scientists have voiced caution, and yet you ignore them as well.

One inalienable American right has always been the right to make choices. The FDA has taken that right away from all Americans by refusing to require labeling on GE foods. You are forcing Americans to eat GE foods without even knowing it. Every consumer poll on GE foods has indicated that Americans want mandatory labeling, and by overwhelming percentages.

Again, I urge the FDA to require both pre-market testing and mandatory labeling for all genetically altered products.

A voter and a consumer,

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