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Attn: FDA proposed rules on genetically engineered foods

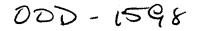
To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to voluntary "GE Free" food labelling. I **feel** it **unfairly** puts the **burden** of proof on food growers and processors who elect not to use genetically modified foodstuffs. The onus should fall on those who opt to use the new technology.

While I do not oppose genetic engineering outright, I am opposed to certain practices, especially the introduction of genes encoding for the production of bacterial pesticides into plants. I want to be able to reward growers and processors who share my views, and I fear that **cost** inherent in proving food to be **free from** genetic modification would be prohibitive.

Sincerely,

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