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Dear Commissioner,

I am very concerned about the use of Bovine Growth Hormone in our dairy products. I understand that the FDA failed to investigate studies showing that the oral feeding of rBGH led to thyroid cysts and prostate activity in male rats. The Health Canada study emphatically found that these results necessitated further study of the human health impacts of rBGH. However, the FDA approved rBGH for use in the U.S. in late 1993 without finding that it was safe for use and ignoring studies that indicated these human health risks.

Therefore I respectfully request that you mandate a requirement for all dairy products made with BGH to be so labeled. Then I can choose to buy or not buy those products to protect my family's health.

Sincerely,

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