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FDA Commissioner
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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fisher's Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner:

The new guidelines for genetically engineered foods are sadly lacking, both in pre-market testing and in labeling.

Pre-market testing is a must with this new technology. Some GE foods make their own pesticides; others are herbicide resistant. These may be treated with more chemicals than ordinary crops, and they may spawn weeds that are also herbicide resistant. The foods could be toxic, compromise human immune systems, have lower nutritional value, and cause allergic reactions. (*I have allergies!*)

Labeling should be mandatory. No GE food producer has ever done that voluntarily. Americans and people everywhere have a right to know what they are eating. Our foods are already labeled for nutrition and content. Why not GE ingredients? As it is, all of us are being made human Guinea pigs.

There should be a moratorium of GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human and environmental health.

As for whether or not letters of intent to produce GE food should contain ways to trace it in case of trouble, of course that is a good idea. But it is a far better idea to look before we leap. This genie cannot be put back in the box.

Sincerely,

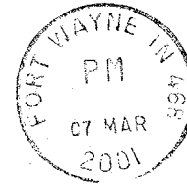
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