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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

The proposed FDA regulations fail to require labeling or safety testing of genetically engineered (GE) food. The new rules continue to deny consumers the right to know what is in our food, while protecting the interests of biotech corporations. Potential health problems from GE foods can be traced to their source only if GE foods have been identified.

By refusing to require both the labeling and mandatory safety testing of foods, the FDA puts consumers' health at risk and ignores the recommendations of the Biotechnology Consultative Forum, which in December, 2000 urged the U.S. to require mandatory labeling of GE foods.

I urge you most strongly to insure that GE foods are subject to pre-market testing and labeling. Consumers have a right to make informed decisions about the food we consume.

Sincerely,
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