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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) Foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know. I fully support the following:

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing.
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment

Without careful long term testing we are essentially using the human population as guinea pigs to assess the unknown or knowable effects of genetically modified plants and foods.

Sincerely,

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