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FDA Commissioner Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in <u>opposition</u> to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are completely inadequate. As a consumer, I have the right to know what is in the food I buy for myself and my family. I also do not believe that tests for environmental and health safety have been adequate. Such tests must study possible <u>long-term</u> effects.

If there is no health problem and nothing to hide or fear, why **not** label?

My family and I support the following in full:

- ♦ All GE foods and food ingredients must be labeled so that consumers are informed and have a choice.
- ◆ GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and must undergo mandatory pre-market safety and health testing
- ♦ A moratorium on all GE foods should be put into effect until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Please include my opinions on any official count or record.

Sincerely,

Mary J. Kahn and Family



FDA Commissioner

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