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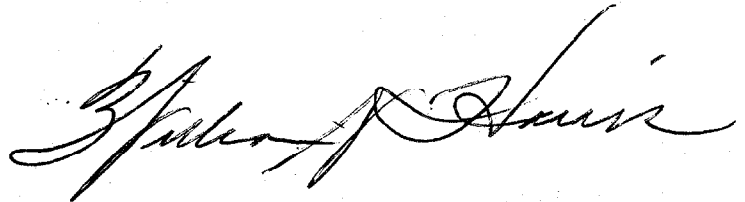
RE: Docket Number 00D-1598

We have reviewed the draft guidance "Voluntary Labeling Indicating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Developed Using Bioengineering."

We are **OPPOSED** to **voluntary** labeling and want to see **MANDATORY** labeling listing the bioengineered foods in the product because:

Bioengineering develops foods by manual interspecies "GENE" transfer instead of through the traditional plant breeding method of procreation. Also, the human life span is approximately 70 years, and the current research and testing of bioengineered items in humans is very short term in relation to a human life span. Therefore, until complete data is available, we must have a choice by knowing what products contain bioengineered ingredients.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has given us a choice of organic vs. conventional produce by their new organic regulations. Therefore, we feel the FDA should give us the same choice of bioengineered vs. conventional foods by issuing regulations for the **MANDATORY** listing of bioengineered foods on product labels.



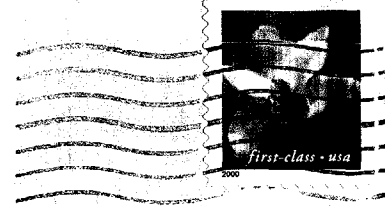
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