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Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the newly proposed guidelines for genetically engineered (GE) foods. I have serious reservations about the long-term safety and nutritional value of these foods and their health effects on humans and the environment. We simply do not have enough information, and out of respect to future generations it is our responsibility to make a carefully informed decision.
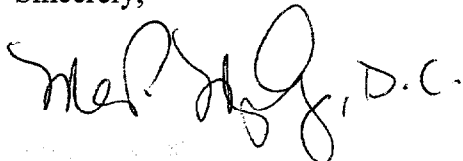
If these guidelines are approved, as a consumer I could not choose whether to purchase GE foods because GE labeling would be voluntary by the manufacturer, and no GE food producer has agreed to label their products. Under these guidelines my right to know is denied, which may result in health risks and consequences that are as yet unknown. Furthermore, the environmental risks associated with GE foods are a threat to the health of soil and water and the diversity of our food sources.

I fully support the following:

* All GE foods 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, *independent* studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

This issue is of huge concern to many in both the United States and abroad. Please amend the current guidelines to address the issues and create a model for safe, thoughtful food policy.

Sincerely,

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