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Dear FDA Commissioner:

I am appalled that genetically engineered (GE) foods have gone so far so fast. Supposedly they are the answer to the world's food supply. YES, BUT - - - -

1. Independent safety testing has not yet demonstrated that GE crops have no harmful effects on human health or on the environment.
2. Foods containing GE products are not labeled so we can avoid them if we choose.
3. Manufacturers are not held liable for any harm these products may cause.

The introduction of GE foods is a Pandora's box that could cause a lot of problems, many completely unforeseen. Testing, labeling and liability are vital to prevent disaster.

I am totally opposed to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered foods. They are totally inadequate to protect human health and the environment, not to mention the public's right to know.

Yours sincerely,



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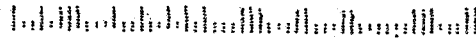
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