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FDA, Management Branch (HFA-305) 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061 Rockville MD 20852

Dear FDA,

I am writing to express my great concern over the FDA's regulation of genetically engineered (GE) food. I request that the agency's current policies be changed.

- 1. All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a <u>choice</u>. Other countries have established a requirement for labeling. I don't understand why the USA won't.
- 2. GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing.
- 3. There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

I feel that it is my right to know what I am eating. Without mandatory labeling, it is impossible to know.

Sincerely,

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