

1508 '02 FEB 12 72:12

520 East Avenue, Apt. 101  
Rochester, NY 14607  
February 8, 2001

FDA Commissioner  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket No. OON-1396 and OOD-1598

Dear Sir or Madam:

I write with regard to the rules issued on January 18, 2001 regarding genetically engineered foods.

I am dismayed that, despite overwhelming consumer demand, you have chosen not to require safety testing, mandatory labeling, and other consumer protections.

We know so little about these so-called foods and their effects on human health and/or the environment. I am in favor of "going slow." We should have long-term tests of these products before releasing them into the marketplace.

At the very least, if you are not going to require testing for human and environmental safety, you MUST require mandatory and accurate labeling.

Please don't compromise our health and the health of the environment just to allow the producers of these products to make money.

Sincerely,

*Helvi McClelland*

Helvi McClelland

*C 125*

*OON-1396*

*C 125*