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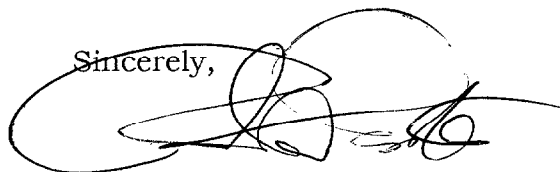
Dear Commissioner:

I urge you to require testing and labeling of genetically engineered food. Apparently the new rules announced January 18th, 2001 failed to require safety testing, mandatory labeling and other consumer protections for those purchasing GE foods.

You have failed to protect consumers if you do not advise them on how their food was produced if the technology or methods in production differ from natural and traditional organic methods. By not requiring mandatory labeling of GE foods—and, as well, the safety testing and environmental review in this area—you are failing in your mission to protect the consumer.

In light of the potential for the foods and practices around GE to cause irreparable damage to personal and environmental health, I urge you to reconsider and to rewrite the rules to require: 1) mandatory pre-market environmental review on GE crops; 2) mandatory pre-market safety testing; and 3) mandatory labeling of GE foods.

Sincerely,



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