

Dear Commissioner :

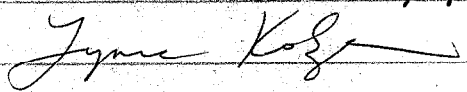
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule governing genetically engineered foods. The proposed requirements for labeling and notification are wholly inadequate to protect human health, the environment and my right to know potential impacts from these foods.

Given the public's strong opposition to the initial weak Dept. of Agriculture organic rules, the FDA should expect the same response to these proposed rules.

All genetically engineered foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice. These foods should also be subject to mandatory premarket safety testing. Finally, there should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

We need thoughtful action to protect the public instead of typical Washington politics. I know. I used to work there. Let the FDA show responsible leadership in this proposed rule.

Sincerely, 

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