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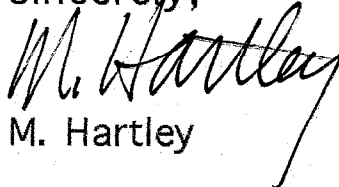
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FDA Commissioner
Dockets Management Branch (HFA 305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fisher's Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #s: OON-1396 and OOD-1598

As an educated and concerned consumer, I ask that you support mandatory testing and labeling of genetically-engineered foods. Despite strong scientific evidence of potential health and environmental risks by genetically-modified foods, the public must constantly beg and plead with your department to support its interests over those of industry. There IS a difference between foods that can occur naturally and those that are genetically manipulated to include traits that would not occur naturally. People deserve to make their own choices and decisions regarding what they put into their body.

Sincerely,


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