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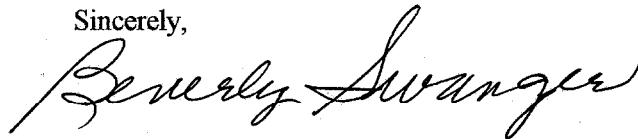
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FDA Commissioner
Docket No. OON-1396 / OOD-1598
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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA,

I am writing to express my opposition to The FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know. I fully believe that all GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so that I am informed and have a choice. Also, GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing. I strongly urge you to call a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Sincerely,



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