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FDA Commissioner
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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 rules and guidances on genetically engineered (GE) foods.

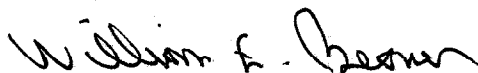
The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know.

For instance, I am a vegetarian. It is totally abhorrent to me that I could unknowingly eat the genes of fish or other animals when eating a vegetable or fruit.

I fully support the following:

1. All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
2. GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing.
3. There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Sincerely,



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