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FDA Commissioner

Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)

re: Docket No. 00N-1396 & Docket No. 00D-1598

Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061

Dear Commissioner:

Rockville, MD 20852

We feel very strongly that the FDA should take the following actions as regards genetically engineered food:

1. Require mandatory pre-market testing. The GE food could be toxic, cause allergic responses, could lower nutritional value and could compromise immune responses

2. Require pre-market environmental review. The GE crops and foods could cause serious and irreparable damage to the environment

3. Require labeling. We have a right to know if the products we are buying contain GE products.

4. Amend the "Notification" policy. It irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence about numerous health and environmental risks of GE foods. These rules are a convenience to the food industry at the expense of public health, consumer "right to know" and the environment.

Your prompt attention to these important matters is appreciated.

Sincerely, The Rosenstein Family 302 Amalfi Drive Santa Monica, CA 90402

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