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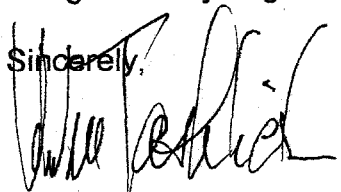
Docket No. 00N-1396 & Docket No. 00D-1598  
FDA Commissioner, Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sir:

On January 18, 2001, the FDA announced new rules on genetically engineered (GE) foods. Despite overwhelming consumer demand, the FDA has failed to require safety testing, mandatory labeling and other consumer protections for GE foods.

PLEASE protect public health and the environment by making the following requirements **MANDATORY**:

- 1) **PRE-MARKET SAFETY TESTING:** GE foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers.
- 2) **PRE-MARKET ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** GE crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment.
- 3) **LABELING OF GE FOODS:** Without mandatory labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food.

Sincerely,  
  
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