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FDA Commissioner
Docket No. OON-1396/00D-1598
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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MC 20852

Re: Genetically Engineered Food

Dear Commissioner:

Your new voluntary notification and labeling proposals are totally inadequate to protect the public from problems with genetically engineered (GE) foods. Your proposals will not protect the environment, human health and my right to know. Here are some proposals that I could support:

- Labeling is important because I can make a choice about whether to purchase a product. GE foods and ingredients should be accurately labeled.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe until they are subject to mandatory premarket testing.
- A moratorium on GE foods would be appropriate until they are proven safe for the environment and human health.

Sincerely,



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