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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville, MD 20852
Re: Docket No. 00D-1598

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Greetings,

I would like to see extremely tight and strong regulation regarding genetically engineered food. Genetically engineered crops should be grown in controlled environments such as greenhouses. They must be safety tested to the same extent as drugs or food additives. The companies producing them must be held liable for damages they create to the environment or to people. All of these products must be labelled accurately. Labeling must be mandatory not voluntary. Consumers have a right to know what they are buying and what they are feeding their families. Items with even a small percentage of genetically engineered ingredients should be required to say so on the label.

Thank You,

Linda M. Nelson

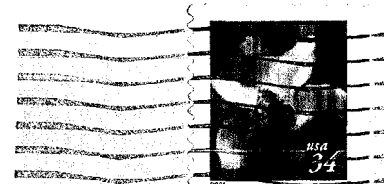
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