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To: Jane Henney, FDA Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Henney,

Please, please, make it law that our food should be labeled to show what it contains. The general public trusts you to keep them safe, and not informing people of what is in their food is in my opinion, a crime. I think that my tax dollars would be wisely spent on a program to force food manufactures to label the ingredients on all products. Then consumers can make educated choices for themselves. I know that if I saw a label on a food item that listed GMOs, I would certainly put it back on the shelf and look for some "true food" instead.

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups joined the Center for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods. I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side-effects in the diet and the environment, and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long-run.

Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put at risk.

Sincerely,

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