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To Whom It May Concern,

## Subject: Docket 00N-1521

With the advent of great advances in biotechnology, we come upon the vital questions of how we will deal with our newfound powers over our world. The FDA has given approval for the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in American food, but many citizens have expressed concerns over the long-term affects and the possible moral implications of such actions. The natural response of such people would be to refrain from patronizing the companies selling the GMOs, but the everyday consumer has no idea as to what is in his food. A vegetarian can check for meat in the ingredient list, and an observant Jew may look for certified kosher symbols, but the concerned customer is unaware of what he eats.

Hence, I believe that it is the responsibility of the US government to exercise its power to regulate industry and force mandatory labeling of GMO-containing foods, so that we can follow our own consciences.

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