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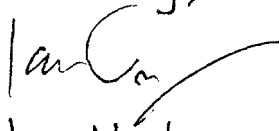
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FDA Commissioner  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA 305)  
Food & Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

Dear FDA,

I just heard about your new genetically engineered food policy, and I am very upset. While the reasons for labeling the foods are plentiful (toxic foods, possible allergic reactions, lower nutrition value, etc.), the only reason I can think for not labeling the foods is that big business interests like Monsanto see it as being against their financial interests. That may be true; however, as a public service agency and part of a democratic government, your responsibility is to me (and thousands of others voicing the same complaints), not corporations. Please act responsibly, and require mandatory labeling for genetically engineered foods.

Sincerely,  
  
Ian Varley

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