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>FDA Commissioner, Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
>Food and Drug Administration
>5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
>Rockville, MD 20852

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Dear Food and Drug Administration,

The FDA must Require **mandatory** pre-market safety testing: GE foods could **be** toxic, could cause allergic **responses**, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers.

The FDA must Require mandatory **pre-market** environmental review because GE crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment.

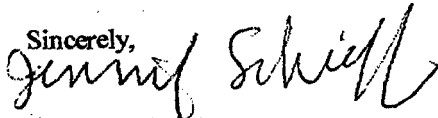
The FDA must Require mandatory labeling of GE foods: Without mandatory **labeling**, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an **allergic** or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will **also** be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous. (Remember the recent Beer fiasco? And there was no way to stop it **after** it happened. **Only** proper required **labelling** would provide a **safeguard** to such gross negligence.)

This "**Notification**" **policy** (a mere letter of notification prior to the marketing of a GE food) is an insult to consumers, and irresponsibly **ignores** strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. These Rules **appear** to be a decision made to convenience industry at the **expense** of public health, consumer **information**, and the environment.

Take action for the citizens of America and not for greed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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