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FDA Commissioner
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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Mr. Commissioner,

I understand you have a very difficult job because of pressures from many groups to make rulings in their favor. I don't think I would want your job because so many people want so much from you and I believe you are doing the best you can under the circumstances.

I understand the genetically engineered (GE) food industry wants their products to be free from regulations that will hinder their ability to sell. I understand many people say there are no studies to show harmful effects of GE foods to the environment or to humans. However, science does understand the laws of nature and I believe on a deep level everyone understands how those laws are being interfered with the introduction of GE foods to the environment. New foods and drugs should have to prove they are safe before they are introduced for human consumption rather than the opposite of introducing them and then having to prove they are harmful before they are taken off the market.

I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are inadequate to protect my health , the environment we share and must protect for our children and my right to know what I eat. I fully support the following;

- All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed about what I am eating and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing.
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Please feel free to write me. I am interested in your thoughts and decision.

Sincerely,

Kevin Foley

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