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Dear FDA,

I am writing to register my opposition to the recently announced new rules and guidance on genetically engineered foods.

I find it to be totally unacceptable that under the FDA's new notification rule genetically engineered foods will reach supermarket shelves untested for potential health and environmental risks – toxicity, allergic responses, compromised immune responses, nutritional value . . . In addition making labeling of genetically engineered foods voluntary violates the consumer's right to know what they are purchasing and makes them unknowing and unknowable guinea pigs in the consumption of genetically engineered foods. Should a particular genetically engineered food cause an allergic or toxic reaction, or prove hazardous in any way neither the consumer nor the health care provider will have any knowledge of this critical piece of information.

I feel that we should settle for nothing less than

1. Mandatory pre-market safety testing,
2. Mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered foods
3. All genetically engineered foods should be taken off supermarket shelves until they have been safety tested and labeled.
4. There should be a moratorium on genetically engineered foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Sincerely,

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