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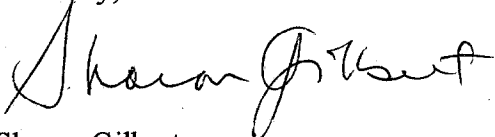
Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know what I am eating and feeding to my children. Here is what I do support and would like you to support on the behalf of all the Americans you are here to serve:

1. I want genetically engineered foods -- fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, etc. -- and ingredients in packaged food products -- corn and soy for example, to be **clearly labeled** as such.
2. Absolutely, these new laboratory-produced "foods" should be **properly tested** before they are sold to people to eat. No real health and safety tests are being done. This is a violation of my right as an American citizen.
3. These foods should be **taken off the grocery shelves** until such long-term tests have shown them to be entirely safe.

We have placed our trust in you. Thank you for paying attention to this extremely important issue and acting responsibly on behalf of all the American people for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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