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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear FDA,

I am writing in regards to **Docket No.s OOD-1598 and OON-1396** which address the labeling and pre-market testing of genetically engineered foods.

When reviewing the recent history of the FDA's policy making regarding GE foods, I came across some troubling information. It is my understanding that FDA policy was written by a deputy commissioner who worked for Monsanto for seven years and now works for Monsanto again. This kind of relationship between government and corporations is questionable on ethical grounds.

Many knowledgeable people believe the whole nation is being subjected to an experiment whose outcome is not known. I would remind the FDA and its policy makers that in the 1940's when the revolution in synthetic chemicals began, many were never adequately tested. Their manufacturers did not fully understand the long term impacts, or what combinations of synthetic chemicals might do in the environment. It is only now that we are beginning to recognise that some of them are dangerous and persistant. There is hardly a corner of the planet that has not been effected by PCB's.

The FDA should be serving the public's best interests for the long term not corporations' short term profits.

We deserve the right know what we are eating.
Labeling must be mandatory.

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Sincerely,
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