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FDA Commissioner  
Docket No. OON -1396/OOD -1598  
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Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, Md. 20852

Dear FDA:

We want you to know that we are opposed to the FDA's recently announced new rules and guidelines on genetically engineered, a.k.a. genetically altered, foods. Despite overwhelming consumer demand, the FDA has still failed to require safety testing and mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods.

Since labeling GE foods is voluntary, somehow it does not surprise us that no GE food producer has agreed to label the foods they produce. This not only is a violation of our right to know what is in the foods we eat and feed to our families, but it can have health consequences as well.

We feel that all genetically altered foods should be so labeled so we can choose whether or not to buy them, that they should not be assumed to be safe until proven so, and that there should be long-term studies to show that these foods are safe for us and the environment before they are thrust into the marketplace.

You are supposed to be vigilant as far as our drugs are concerned. You should be no less vigilant as far as our food is concerned.

Yours truly,

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