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FDA Commissioner, Dockets Mgmt. Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA:


I am very much opposed to your new policies on GE foods. In spite of the fact that there is overwhelming consumer demand for safety testing before these food products are massively deployed (as you have allowed), you continue to allow the chemical industry to set their own standards as to what is safe. People also want mandatory labeling of foods, and you keep refusing to require this.

I want to emphasize to you that people have a right to know what they are eating and what they are giving to their children! I believe that law was established when labeling of foods went into effect years ago--which even requires the amount of salt in foods to be labeled, let alone gene altered products which have not been tested for safety.

The British Medical association has recommended an international ban on these GE foods because they can have severely toxic (including death) responses in human beings which health professionals will not be able to trace or remedy.

Also, GE foods can have many unpredictable, irreversible effects on the environment. FDA's proposed rule that environmental review be exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act does not protect the environment, but threatens it with irreversible consequences. Note the adverse effects on the Monarch Butterfly of being exposed to these foods. What they can do to other benign insect species can only be speculated at this time. We need more research on this.

What we need is nothing less than mandatory safety testing (by the FDA scientists), labeling, pre-market environmental review, and full disclosure. All GE products should be taken off the market until these are completed.


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cc. Senator Levin, Senator Stabenow, Repr. Camp

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