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To whom it may concern,

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I have been doing quite a bit of research on Genetically Engineered products. I am deeply disturbed with the information I have acquired. I have become aware that there has not been enough tests to prove that this kind of gene altering is safe for consumption. There may be harmful unknown allergens, diseases, and viruses consumed every day by unaware citizens. This could have serious side effects ten or twenty years down the road.

This has also greatly effected our trade with Europe and other developing countries. They refuse to buy anything that has a trace of Genetically Modified product in it. It's comforting to know that they are willing to keep their citizens out of harm's way.

Every day farms throughout the country continually smother their crops in chemicals to make them stronger. This leads to several horrible outcomes. The rivers become even more contaminated than ever, it kills neighboring crops, it makes it so that the plant can never restore its' original genes and grow the same, it throws off the growth of nearby trees, and produces mutated insects. This is totally screwing up the way of Mother Nature's cycle of life.

In Mexico, there are many uneducated people. Many of them have been in the fields and spraying chemicals onto their crops. Because they don't know any better, they go out into the fields, barefoot and shirtless, with huge tanks of dangerous chemicals. They unknowingly pollute their own drinking and bathing water. They put themselves at a very, very high risk of becoming seriously ill with disease and God knows what else.

I feel completely manipulated by my Government, the FDA, and the huge corporations that claim to love their country. I am absolutely astounded that the head of the FDA allowed this to happen with out proper testing. I can't believe that this is still going on even though the Government is aware of the hazardous outcomes and is losing important trade.

The GM products have somehow made their way into our school systems. This is putting the next generation of children at risk to serious side effects. I feel like the system we live in today does not care about their youth or what becomes of them. It's all about making the money right here, right now.

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I am writing this letter to let you know that the youth is listening and is aware of what is happening. I am disgusted by this whole ordeal and I am hoping that this letter will affect you in some way or another. This must stop in this country and in the developing countries that don't have a clue of what is happening to them or their families.

Please consider listening to the people you are hurting. With my deepest regards,

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P.S. My E-mail address is bebe1012002@yahoo.com Please write a response to my letter as soon as possible. I am eager to hear your reaction.