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Commissioner,  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Dockets No. OON-1396 & OOD-1598

Dear Sir or Madam:

I urge that the FDA's proposed revisions to its policy on genetically engineered foods be modified to require mandatory pre-market safety testing and environmental review and mandatory labeling of foods, both those coming into the market and those already on the market.

Information regarding the presence of genetically engineered foods in the food products available to consumers should be public knowledge – that the sunshine laws should apply to substances as basic as food should go without saying. The European Union already requires their food producers to provide this information to their consumers and the United States should surely have equally stringent standards in place. It is part of our basic freedom to be able to choose what we will and will not consume. People who do not wish to consume genetically engineered foods, for whatever reasons they may have, should have the information readily available to them at the point of purchase so that they may exercise this right.

Very truly yours,

  
(Ms.) Walli F. Leff

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