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

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: FDA Labeling of Genetically Engineered Food

The new rules issued by FDA do not require pre-market safety testing, environmental testing, or labeling of genetically engineered (GE) foods, and they limit voluntary labeling of non-GE foods.

We are asking you to take action on rules that appear to disregard the consumer, the environment and farmers committed to raising non-GE foods, and which withhold knowledge from the public that is needed to make intelligent food choices.

We do not oppose GE foods. We are only asking you to take all precautions to protect the safety of our food and the environment for generations to come. We, as consumers and farmers here in Iowa committed to raising non-GE foods, deserve open and honest information from our government so that we may freely choose our food with full knowledge.

Sincerely,

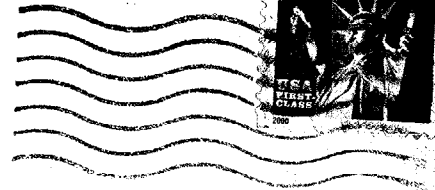
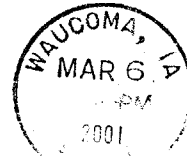
  
  
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