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This letter is to urge FDA to require FULL SAFETY TESTING and LABELLING of foods that contain genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Foods that contain GMOs could be allergenic to certain people and could encourage antibiotic resistance. Labelling is the only way that consumers and health professionals can know if certain problems are due to GMOs in food. The current rules do not provide for either safety testing or labelling, but only a voluntary "letter of notification" that a GMO-containing food is about to be marketed. Consumers will never know which foods contain GMOs based on this system.

In the USA, people have the right to know what they eat and to make choices based on disclosure of information. If GMO-containing foods are not labelled, then that choice is taken away from consumers. The only foods that certainly do not contain GMOs are organic foods, so people have turned to buying these foods as a safety issue.

The current FDA regulations surrounding GMOs in food make the FDA seem to be a pawn of corporations and food processors – for the FDA's own sake as well as consumer health, this should change.

Please require mandatory safety testing and LABELLING of GMO-containing foods. If consumers choose not to buy GMO foods, the foods deserve to disappear from the market. But the choice must be up to consumers, not to food processors or FDA.

Sincerely,

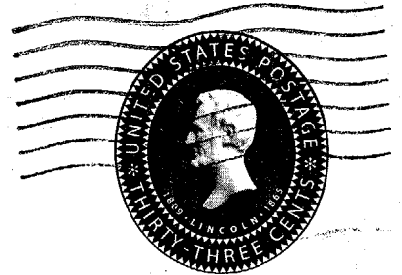


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