

Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my opposition to FDA's proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. We oppose the agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals in support of all the points in the citizen's petition currently before the agency (docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598).

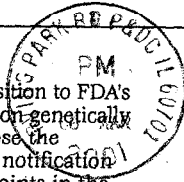
- All GE foods should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
- GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing
- There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

(Additional Personal Comments:) Let me just toss out a pair of well-known phrases: You are what you eat. and Know thyself. It seems self-evident that history's lessons - the cycle of discovery, mad dash, oops! and scramble to recover from said discovery - teach us to proceed with caution. There's so much we don't yet know. So let's not eat it yet.

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