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Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Sirs,

I am extremely concerned about the new proposal for rules on genetically engineered foods. I do not feel that enough long term studies have been done to satisfy the safety factor for consumption by humans, pets, livestock or for introduction into the environment. For this reason, it is absolutely necessary that all genetically engineered products should undergo mandatory testing for **safety** before being released for sale.

It is also my understanding that adequate labeling may not be required. This is an absolute must for fairness, in decision making by consumers. Not only the food items, but also all ingredients should be included on the labels.

Thank you for your consideration and concern for public health and safety.

Sincerely,

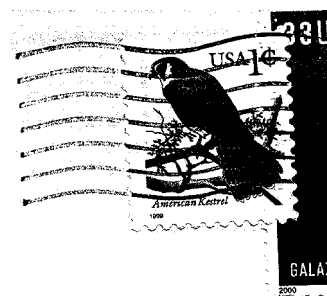


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