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Dear FDA Commissioners;

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The new Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations fail to require labels on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The new rules continue to deny Americans the right to know what is in their foods, while protecting the economic interests of biotech corporations. Not only does the FDA help companies develop biotech products, the Agriculture Department is using up to \$20 million dollars this year to bail out Aventis for the genetic pollution they created (Star Link corn in taco chips). The American public does not even want genetically altered food. Why would the Agriculture Department use our taxes to aid and abet polluters of our food supply and our environment? Just because Star Link is being fed to animals, does not mean that it won't enter the food chain. Unfortunately, there are still people that eat meat, thereby contributing to world hunger.

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To protect the American citizen from hazardous health effects such as food allergies and toxicity that can only be traced if GE foods are labeled, mandatory labeling must be instituted at once. By not doing so, the FDA is putting consumers' health at risk and ignores further pollution of our planet.

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Failing to satisfy the overwhelming desire of Americans to exercise freedom of choice in the marketplace is denying one of our basic rights - the right to choose what we would like to eat, namely food that has not been tampered with.

Genetically engineered foods need to be labeled, and biotech corporations that play God with our foods need to be held responsible for any harm that they cause to individuals and the environment.

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