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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney  
Re: Docket # 00N-1396 / 00D-1598  
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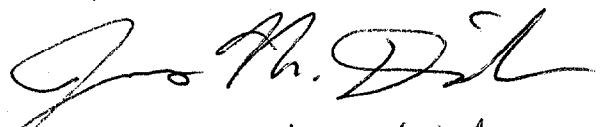
Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am writing to let you know of my deep disappointment in and opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered foods. Labeling of GE foods should be mandatory, allowing the consumer to choose whether to buy GE foods. If GE food manufacturers are so sure these foods are safe, they should have no problem with mandatory testing of these foods to ascertain their safety. (And I mean good, long-term, double-blind, independent scientific testing.) This is not a PR issue, it is a health issue. I cannot support genetic engineering of food until a strong effort is made to ascertain the safety of GE food.

Thank you,

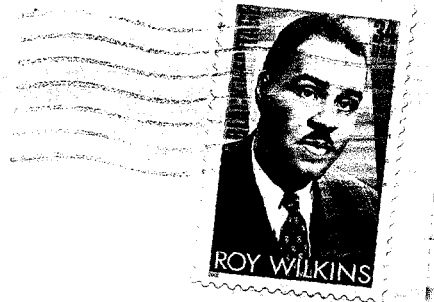
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P.S. Even if the food tested is safe, it still must be labeled to allow consumers who choose not to support GE farming practices to avoid supporting those practices.

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