

Dear F. D. A.

I wish to comment on the FDA's proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (G.E.) foods. I am very concerned about the safety of trans-genic organisms in our environment and in our bodies as food. I fully support the following:

- * Do not curtail the right of manufacturers to label their products with a "G.M.O-free" or "No G.E. ingredients" placard. For concerned citizens like myself, the absence of this information will make me choose a certified Organic alternative, rather than an unlabeled conventional (possibly G.E.-containing) product.

★ Even better, require all manufacturers to include labels that indicate the presence of G.E. ingredients. Since we are being experimented on with these untested substances, labeling could give people a little control over their own participation in this experiment. People could give their consent.

★ G.E. foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory pre-market safety testing. The criteria the F.D.A. had used in the past to assess reasonable safety must not apply to G.E. foods! Create new standards and apply them to these unproven new organisms.

A There should be a moratorium on G.E. foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment. This amounts to putting the "Genie back in the bottle," I know, But is the F.D.A. ready to deal with the fallout from a public health crisis that resulted from its putting free enterprise above safety?

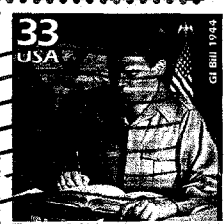
There are many Americans who think (and vote) as I do, and we want to remind the FDA that its job is to evaluate the safety of food and drugs, not to protect the rights of corporations to earn profits.

Sincerely,

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