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FDA Commissioner  
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Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Attn: FDA

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rules and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are completely inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and the consumer's right to know. All GE foods and food ingredients should be labeled so the consumer can make an informed choice. It should not be assumed that GE foods are safe. They should be subject to mandatory, long-term, pre-market testing. There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long term studies show they are safe for human and animal health as well as the environment.

Please don't back down in the face of the inevitable corporate pressure; remember that the FDA has an enormously important role to play in the health and welfare of the American people.

Sincerely,



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