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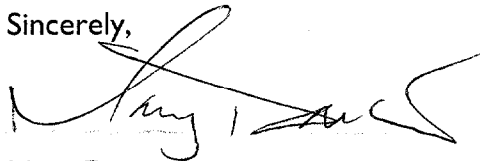
Dear FDA Commissioner,

On January 17th, the FDA issued a set of proposed rules that were supposed to regulate genetically modified (GM) foods and crops. The proposed regulations call for neither mandatory labeling nor safety testing of all GM foods and ingredients. These rules do nothing to protect the food supply or public health. On top of that, they do not require an environmental review of such crops or products.

This is a recipe for disaster. I am concerned that the FDA appears to be ignoring my legitimate safety concerns and is instead suggesting policies that protect GM food companies at my expense. It is your central mission to safeguard consumers' rights and health. I believe that not enough research has been done to prove that GM foods are safe, and not enough care will be taken to keep GM crops from cross-pollinating with non-GM crops, and that if I am not warned by labeling, I will unknowingly ingest substances I do not want in my body. I do not want genetically modified ingredients in my food, and if enough people are stupid or greedy enough to put them in foods I might buy, I want to be warned which foods contain GM ingredients so I can avoid them.

Please, strengthen these rules so that consumers like me can be informed of what we are eating, and not used as unsuspecting guinea pigs for GM food manufacturers.

Sincerely,



Mary Davis

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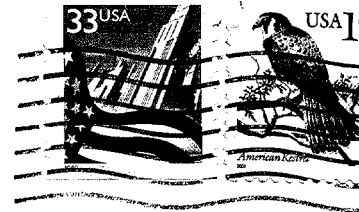
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