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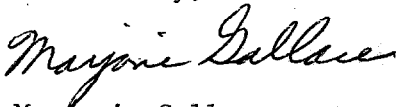
FDA Commissioner, Docket OON-1396/OOD-1598
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I'm writing to express opposition to insignificant rule changes that won't do what FDA has never done: make sure genetically-engineered food isn't imposed on people without their knowledge or consent. All genetically-engineered food should be labeled to let consumers make an informed decision on what they eat.

FDA rules should ensure that genetically-engineered products "Generally Regarded as Safe" have been thoroughly tested and long-term safety studies made. To get impartial data, those tests and studies should be made by independent researchers, not the manufacturers as with recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone.

Since no compelling reason has been given us to want genetically-engineered products, FDA should place a moratorium on them while their purpose, impact on human health, and repercussions in the environment are assessed. A moratorium would be in the interest of all creatures and not just some corporations.

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