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FDA Commissioner  
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Food and Drug Administration  
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Dear FDA Commissioner

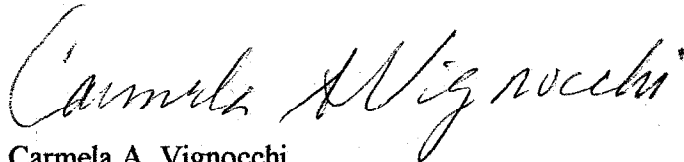
I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate and unacceptable. As a consumer I want information to protect my health, the environment, and my right to know. Now under the FDA's new notification rule GE foods will reach supermarket shelves without any required testing for human health problems. This is unacceptable.

Unfortunately, despite overwhelming consumer demand, your agency - The FDA has still failed to require safety testing and mandatory labeling for GE foods. I am not surprised that no GE food producer has voluntarily agreed to label their products. This voluntary labeling scheme not only violates my right to know, it also has health consequences. Without labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of GE foods.

Therefore, I support the following:

1. All GE foods and food ingredients must be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.
2. GE foods must not be assumed to be safe and must be subject to mandatory pre-marketing safety testing.
3. There must be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and safe for our environment.

Sincerely,



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