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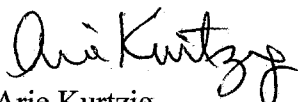
Dear Commissioners,

I call on the FDA to order an immediate and complete ban on the release of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) into our environment in any amount. The wholesale release of novel and untested organisms into our environment is worse than criminal--it is suicidal. The biotech industry does not have an incentive to protect the environment and our society. By failing to regulate this industry, the FDA is complicit in this potentially very grave experiment.

In spite of enormous information gaps, these reckless releases have gone ahead, raising the specter of a permanent environmental catastrophe like nothing the Earth has faced to date. Unlike an oil spill that can be contained and cleaned up, a gene spill can be permanent, self procreating, and irreversible.

I demand an immediate and total ban on releases of GMOs into the environment.

Sincerely,



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