

Dear Commissioner,

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I strongly urge you to require ~~additional~~ safety testing and mandatory labeling for all GE foods. No-one really knows how safe these products are without testing, and it is not fair to force consumers and citizens to subject themselves to them against their will. Some have already been shown to aggravate food allergies to unrelated foods, and the pesticides ~~now~~ synthesized in many of them could be very dangerous.

There is no reason not to test or label them, except for ~~cost~~. Testing can only do good, weeding out whatever harmful crops there are. As for labeling, we simply have a right to know. One of the foundations of classical capitalism is full knowledge of all products on the market. By refusing to require labeling, you are essentially denying consumers this right.

This is not a call for the banning of GE foods. It is just a request that we be allowed to know the full implications of the substances we put into our bodies every day.

Sincerely,

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