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FDA Commissioner
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 00N-1396/00D-1598

Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my opposition to the FDA's proposed guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods, that requests voluntary labeling and notification on the part of food manufacturers. I feel this is inadequate to protect my family's health because without mandatory labeling requirements I do not believe food manufacturers will comply.

I support the following list of requirements:

- Mandatory labeling of all food products containing GE foods in any quantity.
- Mandatory pre-market safety testing of all GE foods carried out by independent researchers.
- Initiation of long-term environmental studies to determine the long-term health effects on people and the environment from the use of GE foods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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