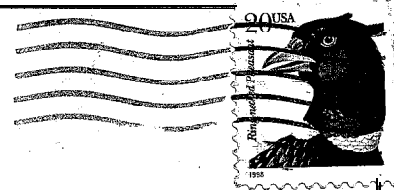
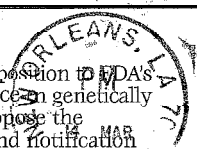


Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my opposition to FDA's proposed new rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. We oppose the agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals in support of all the points in the citizen's petition, currently before the agency (docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598).



All GE foods should be labeled so that consumers are informed and have a choice.

GE foods should not be assumed to be "generally recognized as safe" and should have mandatory pre-market safety testing

There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

(Additional Personal Comments:)

Agro-business has had alarming control over suppressing information which consumers have a right to know.

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Deadlines:
GMO labeling - March 19, 2001
Premarket Testing - April 3, 2001

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