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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Gentilepersons,

I am writing to voice my strong feeling that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration proposed rules for Genetically Engineered Foods, as I understand them, are inadequate. At the very least, I feel that the rules ought to firmly mandate labeling of GMO products, and that the rules ought to specifically mandate testing to ensure safety before marketing.

I am generally deeply concerned about the safety of the foods I eat and serve to my family. I feel that I need to know about GMO products, so I can avoid them. I greatly appreciated your revisions of the proposed rules for organically grown food, and I hope that you will similarly amend the rules for Genetically Engineered Foods.

I wish you all well.

Sincerely,

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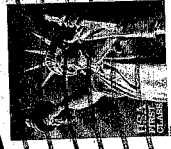
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