

Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my opposition to FDA's proposed new rule and guidance for 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 OOD-1598).

- All GE foods should be labeled so I am 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 **low-term** studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

(Additional Personal Comments:) GE "Food" needs to be as highly regulated as organics if not more so. Anything less should be a crime. GE "Food" should not be kept secret from the consumer.

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



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