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Re: Citizen Petition (Docket # 00P-1211/CP1)

Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am concerned with what I read about Genetically Engineered Food and its potential impact on the health of American citizens. Already the quality of foods grown in America and abroad has been greatly reduced by the undisciplined use of pesticides. These additives don't wash off. We are feeding poison to our children when we offer them a "fresh" apple. Cancers of all types are on the rise and we wonder why?

With the introduction of Genetically Engineered food, we introduce other potential disasters: i.e. new toxins, resistance to antibiotics, allergic reactions and other dietary risks.

GE foods have been shown to be a significant threat to the environment. And GE agriculture puts organic foods at risk contaminating our fields with the "genetic drift".

I buy my family only organic foods and fruits and vegetables. When I realized that commercial fruits and vegetables are not only sprayed with pesticides, they are also being "preserved" using a sprayed-on plastic resin. The replacement of a harmless wax with the use of a toxic spray made me so mad. I had been oblivious of the switch and was feeding my family plastic. This plastic spray cannot be washed off and even peeling it does not safeguard that no residue has seeped into the flesh of the fruit/vegetable.

When cancer strikes in your family, as it has done in mine, you will look more carefully at what your family is consuming and at what you in your FDA capacity allow manufacturers to sneakily feed America.

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This is what I ask: if Genetically Engineered Foods are not banned

- Label all GE foods so all consumers have a choice
- Make pre-market safety testing and environmental review of GE foods
M A N D A T O R Y
- DO NOT ALLOW THESE FOODS ON THE MARKET UNTIL THE
ABOVE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

Let's get smart and get back to a more natural and safe way of eating. Food used to be the best medicine for healing our bodies. Now it is a contributor to illness.

Do what is right and implement the correct legislation to insure that consumers are aware when GE foods or ingredients are involved.

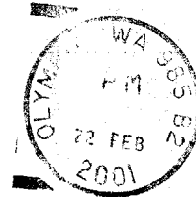
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Groulx". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Linda Groulx

Cc: President Bush

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