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Dear FDA Commissioner,

I am writing in regard to the subject of Genetically Engineered food. I am appalled at the thought that I am purchasing food that could be genetically engineered and I don't have any way of knowing if it is. I want to be able to choose what I serve to my family and myself.


There are serious questions about G. E. foods that have not been answered. Safety is my biggest concern. Also, the principal of substantial equivalence that has been used to promote G. E. foods is not valid. Experiments with potato plants have shown that results of genetic engineering are not always predictable. Some of the results have been: less protein in one potato from one plant and the normal amount of protein in a potato from another plant - both plants being produced from the

same gene insertion and the same growing conditions. Would you want to eat a potato with less nutrients in it? Or better yet, would you like to feed your growing children or grand-children less nourishing foods just because it looked better than something else?

We are giving up food value for food quantity + appearance.

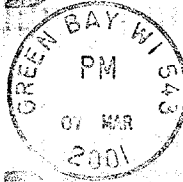
Why does wheat contain less nutrients than it did a few years ago? Why are people taking more vitamins and supplements to stay healthy? Food needs to be food - life giving and nourishing, NOT an empty shell that grows fast and looks good but contains nothing to promote good health.

In closing - I want safety testing on GE products + foods and I want mandatory labeling for any foods or anything else ingested into the body that contains GE products + foods.



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