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Dockets Management Branch
HFA-305
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

January 6, 2003

Dear Members of the FDA Dockets Management Branch,

I am writing regarding recently proposed FDA guidelines for the growth and production of pharm crops. These guidelines are not nearly strong enough, as food crops engineered for drugs and vaccines are a potential threat to our society's food supply.

Our Bodies Ourselves urges you to adopt a zero tolerance standard for drugs from genetically engineered crops in the food supply. The current pharm crop guidelines are largely volunteer, but we further urge you to adopt mandatory guidelines to meet a zero tolerance standard. The zero tolerance policy and mandatory guidelines would serve to protect the food supply as well as the larger environment from the risks of pharm crops.

Finally, combined with the adaptation of guidelines, we support opportunities for the public to be informed of and involved with safety reviews of pharm crops.

Thank you for your continued attention to pharm crop issues. We hope to see stronger and mandatory guidelines in place in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Judy Norsigian'.

Judy Norsigian
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