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Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration
Docket 01P-0230
Room 1061, 5630 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my support for a permanent ban on the release of genetically engineered fish into any open waterway including net pens and ponds.

I would also strongly urge a moratorium on the domestic marketing and importation of genetically engineered fish until the environmental and human health risks are better known and protected against.

I am fifty years old and over the past five years, many of my women friends and coworkers have been diagnosed with breast cancer and other forms of cancer. When they ask their doctors what to do, almost all of them have been told to alter their diets--that the high hormone content in our beef and chicken may be related to their cancers! Why are they finding this out after the fact when they assumed the FDA was on the case making sure our foods are safe. I am highly suspicious of genetically engineered fish and don't want to see us compound an already existing problem by prematurely allowing the GE salmon on the market.

Thanks for your vigilance and prudent response to this issue.

Sincerely,

Rev. Cynthia Crowner

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