

TO: FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
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RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

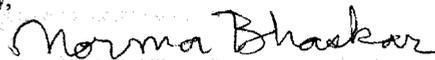
Dear Commissioner Henney,

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups joined the Center for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods. I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side-effects in the diet and the environment, and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long-run.

Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put at risk.

Sincerely,



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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney:

I am writing to you to tell you some of my concerns:

1. I fear that our food supply is being poisoned with irradiation and by genetic ~~alter~~ modification (GM); plus the fact that you have given us absolutely NO way of knowing what foods are irradiated and what are GM foods. Kellogg uses GM grains in their food for us, but for Europe, they use grains that are not GM (because they have to). so we are guinea pigs and our government is NOT protecting us. I, along with many other Americans, want ALL foods to be labeled if there is any trace of irradiated items in it, or any trace of GM items in it. It is only fair to ask that and to get it from our government.
2. NAFTA and all of the trade treaties that Pres. Clinton pushed through, only complicate our lives; we NEVER know under what conditions foods from other countries were grown, nor if it is safe to eat; and also it is NOT labeled as to country of origin.
3. So many products now come from China and other foreign countries that it is impossible to know if their pottery and china, etc. are lead-free and merchants cannot tell you; again there is NO labelling.
4. It is time for a gun control law that will begin to protect Americans, but the NRA has such power that our politicians are left helpless.
5. I am opposed to giving China a favored trade status.
6. Campaign financing reform laws are needed; it is obscene the way money is wasted on political campaigns for people that none of us want to vote for....OR elect.
7. It seems to most of us that lobbyist, and big business are now in charge of our democracy.

Sincerely,

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