

May 28, 2000

Jane Henney
FDA Commissioner

Dear Ms. Henney,

I am writing in regard to docket #oop-1211/CP1. I am a concerned citizen and I whole heartily oppose genetically engineered foods.

Consumers must be given a choice and our foods must be labeled if they contain GE ingredients. There must be a moratorium on all new GE foods since there are no requirements for long-term studies exploring their impact on human health or the environment. There also must be pre-market safety testing on all GE foods.

There are unknown risks for individuals. There are emerging studies that show GE foods could create new toxins, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and other dietary risks for consumers, and therefore should not be "generally recognized as safe." Also individuals with ethical or religious dietary concerns may be unwittingly consuming foods that contain genes from other species. GE foods also put organic foods at risk with crops being contaminated by "genetic drift."

Please give the consumer the choice since we don't have the option of stopping GE foods from being grown. Our food should be labeled to we all can be informed.

Thank you for your time.

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