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Commissioner Jane Henney  
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FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

**RE: Genetically Engineered Foods**

Dear Commissioner Henney,

It is my understanding that under current federal law, the Food & Drug Administration does not require labeling of genetically engineered foods, unless the nutritional content differs dramatically from the original food, or the food contains a known allergen.

I am outraged.

Is the FDA concerned that genetically engineered foods could create new toxins, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, and other dietary risks for consumers, and therefore should **NOT** be "generally recognized as safe."

Or that genetically engineered foods are shown to be a significant threat to the environment?

I am careful about what I consume, and am willing to pay the higher cost for organically grown whole foods. I invest a lot of time, money and energy researching and planning to provide the best source of good health for my family and myself. I am not alone in my belief that genetically engineered agriculture puts organic foods at risk, as they can potentially *contaminate* organic crops.

I am furious that genetically engineered foods are not labeled as such and demand a change in the law that allows this to occur. I implore you to put a moratorium on all new genetically engineered foods, since there are no requirements for long-term studies exploring their impact on human health or the environment. In the interest of our nation's health and safety, I ask that there be mandatory safety testing on all genetically engineered foods.

Thank you for your interest and immediate attention to this matter.

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