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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I was very disappointed to learn that despite the FDA's own researchers having reported that genetically engineered plants may increase levels of toxins, create new toxins, or alter nutrient levels in foods, the FDA still does not require mandatory safety testing for genetically engineered foods prior to consumer marketing.

It is also unfair that Europeans can rest assured that they are receiving non-GE food products while those of us in the United States continue to have fewer non-GE options. Every day, more and more food companies continue to jump on the GE bandwagon using Americans as their guinea pigs.

As a concerned citizen, I demand you approve Docket #OOP-1211/CP1, a thorough, mandatory testing and labeling regime for all GE foods before they are sold to consumers. Not only would this alleviate the fears of many but would also give the public a choice for themselves.

Sincerely,



Signature

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