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Commissioner Jane Henney, MD
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RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1 and
Docket No. 99N-4282

Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am one of the thousands of Americans seriously concerned about the proliferation of genetically engineered products in our food supply. I urge you to use your authority and influence to implement the following governmental actions immediately to protect the people and our environment.

1. at a minimum, full and accurate **labeling** of all genetically engineered foods and food ingredients, giving consumers the right to know what they are eating;
2. stringent, independent, and long-term **testing** of all genetically engineered products before they are released into the environment;
3. United States leadership in implementing worldwide, scientifically credible **regulation** of all genetic engineering activities;
4. adoption of **legislation** to hold the makers of gene-altered products fully liable for any harm or unforeseen consequences caused by their products.
5. and wisest of all, a **moratorium** on the introduction of any new (and old) genetically engineered organisms until the above actions are taken.

Sincerely,



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Please put real knowledge and safety before big business and money,
our very lives may depend on it.

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