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re: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

It has come to our attention that the Center for Food Safety has issued a petition to the FDA asking for the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods. This would also require mandatory labeling of all food products containing genetically modified ingredients.

Please accept this letter for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) in support of that action.

As concerned citizens and consumers of any number of food products that, or could in the near future, contain these ingredients, we urge the FDA to require tests to show the long-term safety of these ingredients both to the consumer and the environment. Also, strict and concise labeling of food products, containing any genetically modified ingredients, should be mandatory.

We trust that the appropriate action will be taken to safeguard both our health and the environment.

Sincerely,



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