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Dear Ms. Henney:

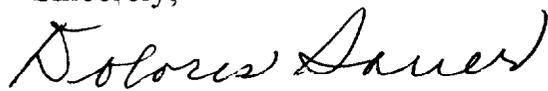
RE: Docket #00P-1211/CPI

The public has been notified by the FDA 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 (GE) foods prior to consumer marketing. There are 46 different GE foods available for purchase in the United States that have not undergone labeling or pre-market safety testing. GE products can be found in foods such as soy-based baby formulas and popular corn chip brands. These altered foods can be problematic for individuals with ethical or religious dietary concerns or who may be susceptible to food allergies. In addition, animal genes are being inserted into plant foods. Doesn't the public have a right to know, and a right to protection from untested products?

A number of concerned organizations have banded together and filed a legal petition with the FDA demanding a thorough, mandatory testing and labeling regime for all GE foods before they are sold to consumers. That is the least we should expect for those who are supposed to protect the public health and welfare.

An official rulemaking docket has been established for the public to write in and support mandatory safety testing and labeling for all GE foods. I am writing to you hoping that you use your authority based on what is best for the public and their consumption of genetically altered products. We have a right to know.

Sincerely,



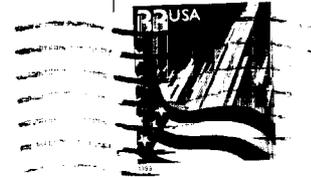
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