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Commissioner Jane Henney, FDA Dockets Management Branch, HFA-305
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RE: Docket # OOP-1211/CP1

Dear Ms. Henney,

The FDA's own scientists have concluded that genetically engineered plants may increase level of toxicants, create new toxicants, or alter nutrient levels in foods. Despite this warning, the FDA still requires no mandatory safety testing for genetically engineered (GE) foods prior to marketing! Currently, there are at least 46 different GE foods being sold in the U.S. that have neither labeling nor pre-market safety testing. Millions of infants, children and adults in the U.S. are subjected unknowingly to GE products daily, in foods ranging from soy-based baby formulas to popular corn chip brands. These foods, containing genes from other species, are particularly problematic for individuals with ethical or religious dietary principles, or for those who may be sensitive to foods with potentially new allergens. The time has come for a thorough, mandatory testing and labeling regime for all GE foods before they are marketed to consumers.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

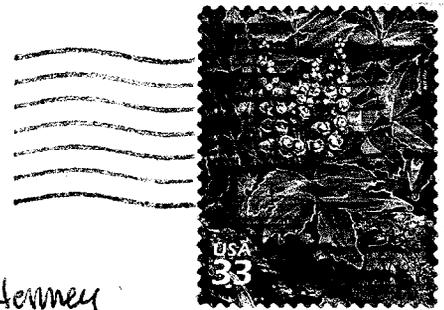


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