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Dear Food and Drug Administration,

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I am writing because I am very concerned about the possibility of you putting an end to raw, unpasteurized milk cheese. Why not just leave the true cheese industry alone? Some of these processes have been around for more than 3,000 years. Seems highly unlikely that all of a sudden they have become dangerous.

Overprocessed, long shelf-life food is not healthful. It is not necessary for it to last for weeks and weeks on the shelves (or even worse years). Why must everything be processed to remove the nutrients and then chemically engineered ones added to enhance this "dead food stuff"?

Let's discuss a DANGEROUS process called genetically engineered foods. How can this be good for the environment or the people that consume these alien food products? I am very careful about what I feed my family and myself. I think everyone has the right to know what is true food and what has been subjected to chemical intervention. How good can it be to make all plants disease or pest resistant and then eat the chemicals from this process?? Wouldn't it be better to support organic solutions instead of harmful chemical ones?

Just because you CAN do something doesn't mean you SHOULD. Let's take for instance, shooting someone, if you have the technology (a gun), does that mean you should do it? Even if it is wrong, should it be done anyway? A moral person would of course say, "NO!"

So what about genetically engineered food, LABELLING is the only way to be sure you are getting real food. Or you could opt to purchase organically grown foods. While more expensive they are definitely better for you than highly chemicalized "food". If you did opt to purchase organically grown foods, you would be ensuring a healthier planet for today and tomorrow. But what about the cross pollination of these engineered plants with unengineered ones? Do you really think this will be good for anyone? Do we really need to ruin ALL fields with these chemically altered ideas? Let's get back to the basics and let Mother Nature alone. She has gotten along fine without "human intervention".

Please rethink your ideas about what is good. Stop allowing the BIG corporations the option of saying what is BEST. Listen to the planet, listen to the people and leave our food the way it was meant to be. But IF that is IMPOSSIBLE at least give the common people a fighting chance by labelling ALL genetically engineered products.

Sincerely,

  
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