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Commissioner Jane Henney
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am contacting you in regard to Docket # OOP- 1211/CP1, the proposal for mandatory safety testing and labeling of all genetically-engineered foods.

The FDA's own scientists have concluded that genetically engineered plants may increase levels of toxicants, create new toxicants, or alter nutrient levels in foods. Despite these warnings, 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 US that have neither labeling nor pre-market safety testing. Millions of infants, children, and adults in the US are unknowingly subjected 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.

My family opposes the genetic engineering of our food in any way, shape, or form. We support organic agriculture and family farms, and are scared to death by some of the products being pushed on consumers by multinational corporations. We do not want these products, and we want them labeled so that we can avoid them if we want to.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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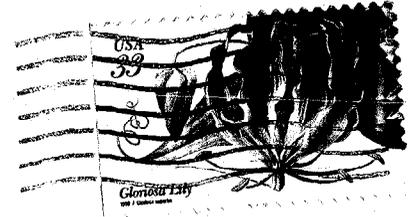
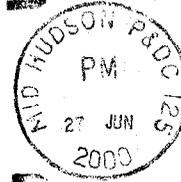
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