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DEAR COMMISSIONER HENNEY:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN REGARDING THE GENETIC ENGINEERING OF FOODS. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDEPENDENT SAFETY TESTING TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTS OF GE INGREDIENTS ON HUMAN HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT. FURTHERMORE, WITHOUT LABELING AND PRE-MARKET SAFETY STANDARDS, THE CONSUMER DOES NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE/SHE IS BUYING AND EATING.

I DEMAND THAT THE FDA LABEL, CLEARLY, ALL GE FOODS SO THAT, AS A CONSUMER, I CAN MAKE A CHOICE ON WHETHER OR NOT I PURCHASE THESE ITEMS.

EMERGING STUDIES SHOW THAT GE FOODS COULD CREATE NEW TOXINS, ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE, ALLERGIC REACTIONS, AND OTHER DIETARY RISKS FOR CONSUMERS. FOR THESE REASONS, THESE FOODS SHOULD NOT BE GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE. PLEASE MANDATE PRE-MARKET SAFETY TESTING ON ALL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER.

SINCERELY,

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