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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
5630 Fishers Lane
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RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1 AND
RE: Docket No. 99N-4282

Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing this to add my support to this effort to protect the public and give them the option to exercise their free choice.

Although many bioengineered foods may be safe, experts tell us that we are in a Russian-roulette situation--all that is necessary is one serious accident to release unrecallable organisms in unprecedented combinations.

We have only to recall the incident with the contaminated canola seed sent to the UK to help us realise that drift of pollen will end organic agriculture. It is hard to see how bt corn will not breed lepidopterious resistance making it useless and further excelerating the pesticide treadmill.

For these and other reasons it is an abdication of responsibility for the FDA not to require independent testing in a controlled environment of these organisms before they are released into the environment.

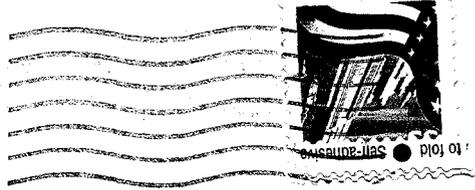
Sincerely,


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