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Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing to request information regarding the Food and Drug Administration's policy regarding genetically modified agriculture products. Specifically, I would like to receive a copy of the FDA's guidelines regarding approval of GMO foods. I am interested in what types of testing are performed upon these genetically altered foods before they are approved for use in this country. Are your trials performed upon lab animals or humans? Also, I would like to know what sort of timeframe exists before a certain GMO food is generally tested and then approved or denied.

In addition, I would appreciate any information you have regarding Bt corn specifically. Is there any new testing which is scheduled to occur in the light of the Monarch butterfly reaction to Bt corn? If not, what assurances may you be able to provide that this new technology is indeed safe for human consumption and exposure? I am especially concerned about potential health hazards for our children. Any information you can provide me regarding this issue would be greatly appreciated

Thank you,


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