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Jane Henney  
Commissioner, Food & Drug Administration  
Parklawn  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Commissioner Henney:

Thank you for giving me my two minutes today. In that short amount of time, it is difficult for anybody to communicate a message, so allow me to make one of my points perfectly clear to you.

Monsanto created a "freak" amino acid in genetically engineering the bovine growth hormone. When Monsanto discovered that error in 1993, they developed a process to filter out the incorrectly transcribed genetically engineered protein. However, they should have told FDA of this error, but they did not. By admitting this mistake, they would have negated seven years and 500 million dollars worth of previous research.

Monsanto could hardly afford to admit their mistake and therein lies evidence of omission and the crime of deceit against FDA and America. In a very obscure British journal, *Protein Science* (July 3, 1994), Monsanto's scientist, Bernard Violand admitted that lysine in the #144 position was replaced by a "freak" amino acid called epsilon-N-acetyllysine.

This evidence means that a completely different hormone than the one that was approved is now on the market. For that reason alone, Monsanto's hormone must immediately be taken off the market and the research be performed again with the current formula.

Very truly yours,



Robert Cohen

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