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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)
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RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

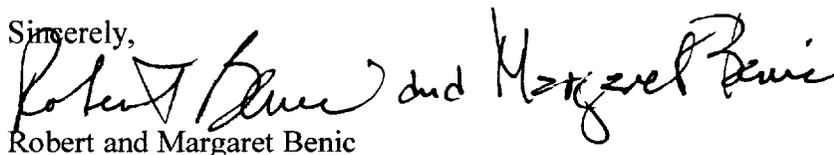
Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) that I am in support of the petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough pre-market and environmental testing regime for genetically engineered foods and mandatory labeling of such foods.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we purchase as well as how it is produced. Scientists and doctors have warned of potential dietary and environmental effects and yet there is no testing, investigation or regulation of genetically modified organisms by the FDA. The potential for great harm to our food supply and the environment is too great to do nothing. European nations have stopped unregulated inclusion of genetically engineered foods in their food supply, and U.S. food suppliers have responded by guaranteeing that there are no genetically engineered ingredients in the products that they sell to those nations. Should we as Americans accept a lower safety standard? Testing and labeling are required for all other food, why should genetically engineered foods be given special treatment?

Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put to risk.

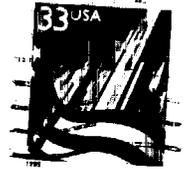
Sincerely,


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