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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)
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RE: *Docket No. 00P-1121/CPI*

Dear Commissioner Henney:

On March 21, 2000, Greenpeace and a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups joined the Center for Food Safety in a 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. I am writing for submission to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CPI) in support of that action.

It amazes me that an agency which is supposedly responsible for the safety of the food supply of this great nation would so willingly yield to the corporate interests at the expense of the populace. Are the Europeans so much more intelligent than Americans, or are we just supposed to trust that multinational corporations that have such a rotten track record have our best interests in mind? Let's place the burden of proof where it belongs—on the manufacturers of substances and “food” who must prove the safety of those products prior to distribution.

As a concerned citizen and a faithful consumer of organic foods, 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 we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have unexpected side effects in the diet and the environment, and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long-run.

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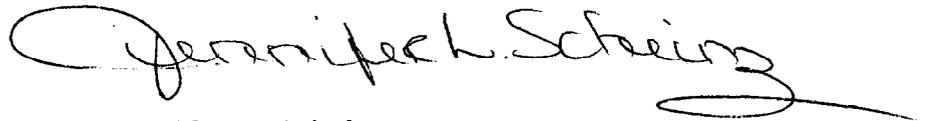
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Please take action to ensure that our health and environment are not put at risk.

Sincerely,

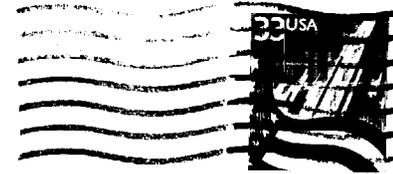
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