

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1 and
Docket No. 99N-4282

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Commissioner Jane Henney, FDA
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Commissioner Henney:

As a careful consumer who has always relied on the FDA to insure safety and accurate labeling of food additives and processes, I urge you to require thorough independent testing and clear labeling of all foods containing genetically altered components.

I believe the public has a right to know what is in the food we eat and to make the decision whether to participate in and support this risky new method of manipulating plant and animal materials in food. How can the FDA choose to side with the interests of Novartis and Monsanto who stand to reap huge profits from their technology and have little interest in examining its ecological and health consequences for the world? The government is supposed to protect the consumer who is powerless to know what is done to the food and ignorant of the possible consequences of consuming it.

It is only fair that such products be labeled so that we can make our own decision. The industry is against labeling only because they fear some people would reject their products and reduce their huge profits. Please side with the consumer in this important matter. We only ask that genetically altered food products be labeled so that we are free to choose whether or not to consume them. This seems only fair. Please support labeling and testing of genetically altered food products.

Sincerely,

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