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Commissioner Jane Henney
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney:

We are very concerned about genetically engineered food. Please ensure that all GE foods are labelled in order to give the consumer a choice. Please also institute a moratorium on all new GE foods. As you know, there are no requirements for long-term studies exploring their impact on human health or the environment. We cannot understand the attitude of "just keep eating them until we find out if anything is dangerous". There should be a mandatory pre-market safety testing on all GE foods.

As you know, emerging studies are showing that GE foods could create new toxins, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions and other dietary risks. They SHOULD NOT BE "GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE (GRAS)." Also, people with ethical or religious dietary concerns may be unwittingly consuming foods that contain genes from other species.

You must be aware that GE foods are shown to be a significant threat to the environment. Obviously, we are doing quite enough to destroy our environment without this extra added danger.

GE foods also put organic foods at risk...the foods that those who care about their family's health try to buy because they are AFRAID to buy GE foods or foods on which poisons have been used. Organic crops are being contaminated by "genetic drift".

Why does our country think its consumers do not deserve the same consideration as the citizens of European countries who have legislation for mandatory labelling of genetically engineered foods?

Sincerely,

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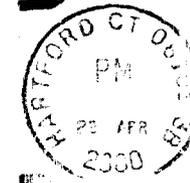
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