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Commissioner Jane Henney
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RE: Docket NO 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

In March 2000, a coalition of over 50 family farm, consumer and environmental groups including Greenpeace joined the Center for Food Safety in a petition to the FDA demanding the development of a thorough premarket 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/CP1) in support of that action.

As a concerned citizen, I urge the FDA to require the labeling and premarket safety testing of genetically engineered foods. We have an absolute right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing as well as how it was produced. Scientists and doctors have warned that these crops may have

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unexpected side effects in the diet and the environment and there is no evidence that these foods are safe in the long term. Other nations, first world countries, have banned the selling of genetically engineered food. Protein and process and manufacturer can not sell these foods ~~on~~ in those countries

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

Sincerely

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