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To: Jane Henney, FDA Commissioner
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 Subject: Petition for testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineered

RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

Dear Commissioner Henney,

Please label all GMO's. Better yet, please remove them from the shelf. Please do another 15 yrs of testing before you decide to offer these products to the public. Organic foods taste much better than GMO's, so I know that they can not be good for the body. Please think about your actions and the potential consequences.

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/CP1) in support of that action.

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 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.

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

Sincerely,

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