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Subject: Oppose the New FDA Regulations on GE Foods!

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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

Dear FDA,

I am greatly opposed to your new "voluntary labeling" policy for genetically modified foods, which denies consumers a basic right to know. It just seems that it stands to reason that if we have labeling laws on food for their content, then we should be allowed to know if the food has come from genetically modified crops or animals! Without mandatory labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous.

I am outraged by your new policies on genetically engineered (GE) foods. Despite overwhelming consumer demand, your agency still fails to require

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safety testing and mandatory labeling for GE foods. Your "notification" policy is an insult to consumers, and irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks to GE foods. You should be aware that these foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutrition value, could compromise immune responses in consumers, and could cause irreparable damage to the environment.

Your proposed rules ignore serious concerns, and appear to be a decision made to convenience industry at the expense of public health and the environment. I will not accept your attempt to make me a guinea pig of these untested foods, and I trust you will take my concern along with the thousands of others into serious consideration.

Sincerely,
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