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TO: FDA Commissioner,

I am writing to express my concerns about the FDA's new proposal on Geneticly Engineered Foods. I have many concerns about Geneticly Engineered foods, and the FDA's policy but two imparticular are the most important. This first being that all foods and products containing any GE substances should be labeled as GE. Second is that farmers and producers who do not use or grow GE foods should not burden the responsibility of labeling their products "GE Free".

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Geneticly Engineered foods are a new and untested crop and product. There is no knowledge or understanding of the effects these foods may have on consumers health. It is my feeling that some GE foods may be harmless and some will have serious health ramifications. Testing should be done on each variety of geneticly engineered food And regardless of the results all GE foods should be labeled so people have the information to make a choice. If nothing else, this is the most important and basic issue, we deserve and demand the right to choose! Without proper labeling there is no way to know. Clear labels must be on all GE foods and foods containing some GE ingredients!

My second largest concern is with the proposal that farmers and producers who do not use GE food would be given the burden on gaining some type of certification to be labeled "GE Free". These farmers and producers are not changing any of

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their practices or products, yet they 1.30.00
are given this added resposibility to certify, themselves GE Free, when they have done nothing to change their practice. Rather growers and companies who wish to use GE Foods should take the responsibility to prove the safety of these new foods and of labeling and informing their customers of their new GE products. GE Foods are the new, untested variable in the equation, by requiring non-GE users to apply for certification, it gives a message that GE foods are the norm, not the variable

Let me reiterate now that I strongly feel that GE Foods must be labeled so that consumers can choose what they eat, And that no burden should be put on non-GE Foods growers and producers to have to certify themselves as GE Free.

Please I also encourage you to require testing of all GE foods so we can know for certain what the implications of these foods are. We are not guinea pigs and you have a responsibility to ensure the safety of the food and drugs that are on the market to the American people.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

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