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Dear Commissioner Henney,

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The proposed Food & Drug Administration regulations fail to require labels or safety tests on genetically engineered (GE) food. The new rules continue to deny Americans the right to know what is in our food, while protecting the economic interests of biotech corporations. Labeling GE foods would protect the public from potential health effects that could only be traced if GE foods can be identified. By refusing to require both labeling & mandatory safety testing of foods, the FDA puts consumer's health at risk, & ignores the recommendations of the Biotechnology Consultative Forum, who in December urged the US to require mandatory labeling of GE foods. I urge you to reconsider this poposal & insure that GE foods are subject to pre-market testing & labeling. Americans have a right to make informed decisions about the food we consume.

Sincerely,

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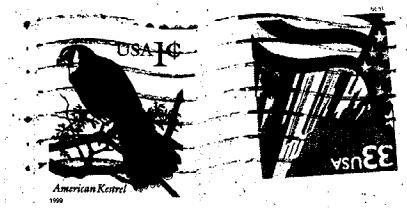

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