

**RE: Docket No. OOD-15598** (labeling of genetically engineered foods)  
And **Docket No. OON-1396** (pre-market test of genetically engineered foods)

Dear FDA,

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I am very concerned about your **proposal** on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The FDA still fails to require basic safety testing of mandatory labeling for GE foods. We deserve the right to know what is in our food and what has been done to it!

There has been ample evidence submitted to the FDA revealing genetically engineered foods are not "substantially equivalent" to non-genetically engineered foods, that there are numerous health and environmental risks. We are eating **experimental** food never before consumed in the history of mankind. It is the function of the FDA to protect us and you are failing to do that!

FDA's voluntary labeling guidelines (Docket No. OOD-1598) are unacceptable since we all know the industry will not choose to label this food. Labels must be required, and then we can have a choice in what we eat. Labeling will also serve to protect us from potential health effects that could only be traced if GE foods are identified. The second proposed rule (Docket No. OON-1396) requiring companies to **notify** FDA before bringing GE foods to our supermarket shelves is totally inadequate. You do not even require the basic testing given to food additives. Genetically engineered foods have additives-from other species, bacteria, and pesticides, to name a few. We want safety testing of genetically engineered foods before they are placed on our grocery shelves. Genetically engineered foods need to be tested and labeled!

Sincerely,

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