

# Genetically Engineered Foods Must Be Tested and Labeled

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Attn: FDA Commissioner

Re: Docket No. OOD-1598 (Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods)  
Docket No. OON-1396 (Pre-Market Testing of Genetically Engineered Foods)

*We are outraged at our agency's failure to require basic safety testing or mandatory labeling for Genetically Engineered (GE) foods.*

## Docket No. OOD-1598 – Labeling of GE Foods – Unacceptable & ineffective as written

Your failure to protect us from unknowingly eating experimental food never before consumed in the history of mankind denies Americans the right to know what is in our food. You are responding only to special interests and supporting your constituency. *You are failing us.*

- Mandatory labels must be required so we can choose what we eat.

## Docket No. OON-1396 – Pre-Market Testing of GE Foods – Unacceptable & ineffective as written

- Mandatory pre-market safety testing of GE foods must be performed by independent laboratories—that are not threatened or paid for by corporate interests.

*The FDA must discontinue working on behalf of GE food manufacturers.*

We demand that the FDA begin to work for the safety and rights of the American public, your actual constituency.

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