

Attn: Docket Nos. 00N-1396 and 00D-1598

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To FDA Commissioner,

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding labeling and safety testing for genetically engineered foods. I am disgusted that action has not been taken sooner for mandatory labeling and testing of these GE foods and food ingredients. Are you aware that 90% of the U.S. population wants this labeling and testing? I do believe that your duty is to protect the population from health risks and there remain significant questions about human health risks of GE foods. I and all humans should have the right to know and choose what we eat! Many European nations and other countries have discontinued letting these crops cross their borders. They are not tolerating these foods and I will not tolerate them either.

I am an organic farmer who supports local organic food production and do not support conventional agriculture. I believe in chemical free farmlands and food as well as a healthy environment where all living creatures can be free and in harmony. Also, I am an environmental education teacher who works with children who has started a gardening education project for inner city children. I believe we have become very distanced from our food source and these children are becoming even more distanced living in the city. They are now planting seeds, harvesting beautiful vegetables, and learning about their environment. These children are our future. Do you believe they are educated to know if the food they eat is chemical free or not? It is our job as elders to protect our children, the future leaders of our world. If you knew there was a chance the food your own children were eating had chemicals and might produce serious disease would you be comfortable feeding it to them?

It is our right as citizens of this country to know what is in our food. I demand testing and labeling of these foods. I believe genetically engineering food crops is very wrong and dangerous; they should not even be allowed into our food system and markets!! Thank you for the work you do.

Sincerely,



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