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Dear Ms. Stoppes,

I am writing in response to the proposed National Organic Standards to let you know that I do not want genetically engineered organisms, processing agents or agricultural inputs to be allowed in organic farming and handling under any circumstances—even on a case by case basis. I also ask that you prohibit the use of irradiation and sewage sludge in organic farming and handling. And, I ask that the standard for the treatment of livestock and the fee structure for certification be consistent with the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

The NOSB represents a broad consensus of organic farmers, manufacturers and consumers regarding the principles of organic agriculture and foods production. To formulate regulations that do not reflect their recommendations on genetic engineering, irradiation, sewage sludge, the needs of the small farmer and the treatment of animals will gravely weaken consumer confidence in the organic label and threaten the viability of this industry.

Thank you for including my input in your final decision.

Sincerely,

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