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Dear Commissioner:

This letter is to request a ban on genetically engineered foods: very simply, take them off the supermarket shelves.

However, I do recognize the real world emphasis on profit and gain regardless of potential negative environmental or health effects, especially long term. After all, over three quarters of the prescription drugs on the market have not been scientifically proven effective, but nonetheless make many corporations rich profits on sales.

Barring a total ban, please:

- influence a requirement that labeling identifies genetically modified ingredients in any amount within products;
- demand pre-market testing to prove that ingestion of genetically altered feed for animals does not transfer harmfully through human consumption of meat/poultry;
- recognize and educate consumers on possible detrimental immediate and long term reactions and disease states, should such products be sold; and,
- make it a necessity that producers of such genetically modified research and products prove that growth of test and/or feed crops will have no adverse effect on environment at any point in the food chain.

Thank you for consideration of my concerns in this matter.

Sincerely,

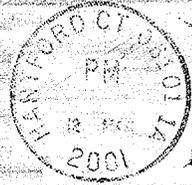


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