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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Dear Commissioner:

I wish to express my opposition to the current practices about labeling "genetically engineered" food products. By not notifying a consumer as to the true content of a product, that consumer's basic human rights are being ignored. Please adjust the language in these guidelines to include all forms of genetic engineering contained in the product, and provide information for consumer to contact the manufacturer in the case of rarer food allergies etc. The agency's voluntary labeling and notification proposals are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment, and my right to know. I fully support the following:

-All EG foods and food ingredients should be labeled so I am informed and have a choice.

-GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory premarket safety testing.

-There should be a moratorium on GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

Please respond as I've requested above, as I feel it is my right to have a say in this new area of Bioengineering of my food. Thank you for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely yours,

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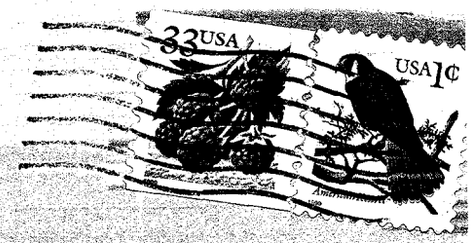

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