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Jane Henney  
FDA Commissioner  
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Re: OOP-121 1/CP1

Dear Ms. Henney:

I am outraged by your new policies on genetically engineered foods. Despite overwhelming consumer demand, your agency still fails to require safety testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineered foods. Your notification policy is an insult to consumers and irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. You should be aware that these foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutrition value, could compromise immune response in consumers and could cause irreparable damage to the environment.

I am greatly opposed to your new "voluntary labeling" policy, which denies consumers a basic right to know. Without labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous.

Your proposed rules ignore serious concerns, and appear to be a decision made to accommodate the industry at the expense of public health and the environment. I will not accept your attempt to make me a guinea pig of these untested foods, and I trust you will take my concern along with thousands of others into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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