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FDA Commissioner
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Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fisher's Lane, Rm. 1061
Rockville MD 20852

RE: Docket #001-1598 and 00N-1396

Dear Commissioner:

I **am** shocked to learn that the proposed new rules governing the use and labeling of **genetically** modified food **DENIES MY RIGHT TO KNOW AND CHOOSE**. I am a cancer survivor and am **aware** that bovine growth hormones given to cows may increase the risk of breast **cancer** in women. I **am** aware of the many **environmental** hazards in our water, air and food. Why would you place the citizens of America **at** further risk?

I urge you to require pre-market safety testing of GE foods.
I urge you to require labeling that informs the consumer of what food are in a product.

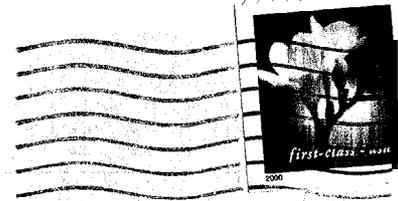
The Constitution includes freedom of choice! **Please** rethink your position on GM foods to require both pre-market testing and labeling of these *new foods*.

Sincerely yours.


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