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Dear Ms. Henney,

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the FDA's failure to require mandatory safety testing for genetically engineered (GE) foods prior to consumer marketing. I urge you to implement a thorough, mandatory test and labeling regime for all GE foods before sold to consumers.

The FDA's own researchers have reported that genetically engineered plants may increase levels of toxins, create new toxin or alter nutrient level in foods. Additional altered foods can be problematic for those with ethical or religious dietary concerns or who may be susceptible to food allergies. Animal genes are now being insert into plant foods.

These practices are clearly unacceptable. It is the FDA's responsibility to act in accordance with public health & safety. Take action today!

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Sincerely,

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