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Dear FDA.

This letter is in regards to Docket No. 0955 00 N 1396 & Docket No. 00D-1598.

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IT IS THE FDA'S DUTY TO PROTECT MY FOOD.

The rules and guidance on genetically engineered foods put forward by you is appalling. As a consumer, I demand that genetically engineered food (GE) must be labelled. Your "voluntary labeling" policy denies my basic right to know what I buy — so how can I make an informed choice. Without mandatory labeling, neither I and other consumers nor health professionals will know if allergic or toxic reaction was the result of genetically engineered foods. I'd be deprived of knowledge I need to hold food producers liable should any foods prove hazardous. Also, there are ecological risk associated with GE crops, such as impacts on the soil ecosystem and non-target species such as Monarch butterflies, ~~I know~~ I would definitely want to avoid such "foods."

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GE foods can be toxic, cause allergies, have lower nutritious value, compromise immune responses, cause irreparable damage to the environment.

I'm assaulted left & right with pollution (dirty air, water, chemical spraying etc...), I'm under stress in traffic, work, paying the bills, ... Last thing I need is to be bewildered with what is in my food. Good food gives me good health to deal with the stress and assaults of everyday life.

You, the FDA, must require safety testing of GE foods and mandatory labeling for GE foods. Place the safety of consumers and environment above food processing companies' bottom line. God bless us all.

Sincerely,

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