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Dear FDA:

We, undersigned employees of the **City of Richmond**, urge you to take steps to protect the health and safety of the public by adopting stringent rules ~~to~~ that would require pre-market testing of the effects and safety of genetically altered food and horticultural products on consumers and the environment. Current rules require no independent testing of genetically altered foods and products and prohibits identification of those products, thereby robbing consumers of the right to make choices about the materials that they consume.

In particular, we respectfully request that the FDA adopt revised rules and regulations that would:

- Require mandatory pre-market comprehensive environmental review of all genetically altered product,
- Require mandatory pre-market long-term health testing of all genetically altered products to determine potential toxins, allergens, and the long term impacts on immune system, in addition to determining impacts on the nutritional content of such food stuff.
- Require mandatory labeling of all genetically altered products in order to allow consumers ~~to~~ the right to make informed decisions and aid health care workers diagnose potential allergic reactions.

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