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I have many concerns about genetically engineered food.
I want the FDA to be sure the genetically engineered foods are tested and labeled, and a moratorium be imposed until they are proven safe.
All foods labeled genetically engineered would give me & all US citizens a choice. I understand many drugs are approved by the FDA & are later found to be unsafe to at least a portion of our society. Genetically engineered foods need to be explored in greater detail for long term research both on humans & the enviroment. Later is not the time to be asking questions.
New toxins, antibiotic resistance, allergic reactions, & other dietary risks could occur as well as reactions to those already on drugs.
America is a land of freedom. We all are

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responsible for ourselves & our fellow citizens. Those of us with strong ethical or religious beliefs may have concerns about unknowingly consuming foods that contain genes from other species.
Genetically engineered foods have shown to be a threat to the environment. Also there's a great risk in that organic crops could be contaminated.
With health care costs constantly on the rise can America afford to rush into premature approval of an already questionable practice. I hope if you* feel no fear or concern that you* will investigate this matter thoroughly & not depend on the advice of those likely to gain in any way from genetically engineered foods.
STOP before its too late!

(*1 & 2 not meant to be personal attacks)

Sincerely

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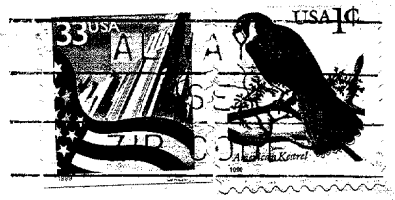

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