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DEAR FDA,

I wish to express my strong opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered foods.

We must be able to choose what we put into our bodies. Complete labeling of foods must be enforced, not voluntary! I believe that until a wealth of data about the long-term safety of genetically engineered foods has been accumulated by the scientific community, all GE foods should be strictly and consistently labeled in accordance with a strong law requiring such action.

Human health should be protected until we know for sure about these GE foods, and therefore I believe that a moratorium should be imposed on GE foods until there is long-term, incontrovertible PROOF that they are safe for human health and for the environment.

I strongly urge you to make the appropriate modifications to the proposed rules and guidance proposals. I consider it a major abuse of power when I am denied the information and right to make choices about what will directly impact on my life and health. I hope you will respect the trust and authority placed in your agency to make policies that will protect and honor the rights of those you are commissioned to serve and to represent.

Yours very truly,

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