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DEAR FDA COMMISSIONER,

I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE NEW RULES AND "GUIDANCE" REGARDING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS. IT APPEARS AS THOUGH YOU ARE DISREGARDING A LARGE BODY OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT SUGGESTS AT LEAST THE NEED TO TEST FOODS FOR HUMAN SAFETY - MUCH LESS ECOLOGICAL IMPACT. INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IS A PHILOSOPHY THAT SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO IRRESPONSIBLE SCIENCE.* STRICT TESTING AND LABELLING SHOULD BE A MINIMUM - ESPECIALLY TO INSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PEOPLE WITH FOOD ALLERGIES.

IF I'M BEING TOLD THE EXACT GRAMS OF FAT, CARBOHYDRATES, PROTEIN - ETC. I SHOULD MOST ABSOLUTELY BE TOLD THAT MY FOOD WAS CREATED IN A LABORATORY - USING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT GENES AND PERHAPS DNA FROM AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PLANT OR ANIMAL. WITHOUT LABELLING PEOPLE ARE DENIED THE OPTION OF MAKING SOUND DECISIONS.

PLEASE SEND ME A RESPONSE AS TO HOW YOU INTEND TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS WITH YOUR NEW GUIDELINES.

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THANK YOU,

Scott Worland

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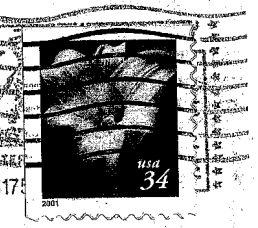

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