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Dear Commissioner Henney:

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I am writing to express my concern about the safety of the food I choose to eat. I believe it is my right as a consumer to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered by biotechnology. Such foods pose unknown risks to the environment, to small-scale and family farmers, and to the health of me and my family.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the F.D.A.'s policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. I support the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and complete and prominent labels. Consumers expect and deserve the right to know whether or not they are eating food that may be dangerous. I would like to know that the F.D.A. is fulfilling its role to protect public health and will provide consumers with the information we want to know about the food we eat.

Sincerely,

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