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ATTN: L ROBERT LAKE US CODEX OFFICE

FROM: TOM CARDONE

RE: CODEX DECISIONS / POLICIES

I WANT TO KNOW THE POSITION OF YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD PRODUCTS. I AM IN ADAMANT OPPOSITION OF ANY DECISION THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE AN EASILY IDENTIFIBLE LABELING OF SUCH PRODUCTS. I AM ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT ANY DECISION MAKING PROCESS THAT IS DONE IN A "CLOSED DOOR" FASHION THAT WOULD LEAVE OUT ANY PUBLIC FEEDBACK.

IT IS BECOMING OBVIOUS THAT CONSUMERS AROUND THE WORLD ARE REJECTING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD PRODUCTS AND THE ONLY REASON THAT THEY CONTINUED TO BE SOLD IN AMERICA IS THAT THE CONSUMER IS NOT BEING GIVEN THE INFORMATION THAT WOULD LET THEM DECIDE.

I VIEW ANY AGREEMENT THAT WOULD NOT FULLY DISCLOSE IF A PRODUCT WAS GENETICALLY ENGINEERED OR CONTAIN GENETICALLY ENGINEERED INGREDIENTS UNACCEPABLE AND A BLATANT VIOLATION OF MY RIGHT TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE. I AM AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE.

WITH GREAT CONCERN -

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