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Dear Mr. Friedman,

I am writing as a consumer and as a physician to express my grave concern over genetically engineered, transgenic foods. I am concerned about the ability of Monsanto and other companies (whose treatment of my family's farm in Wisconsin has lead me to the opinion that the best interests of farmers and consumers is not at their center.) to determine the health standards of our foods. I believe the burden of proof of safety regarding transgendered foods belongs to their producers. It is a process which should take many years, many plant generations and many millions of dollars. Too often, we have seen the health risks of "technology" from these types of endeavors after the fact. PCBs, DES, DDT and others got through the FDA only to wreak havoc on natural life forms. With transgenetic foods, the risks may be much more pervasive and important. Please protect our health! It's not worth the risk to allow transgenetic foods into our food supply.

Sincerely,

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