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Dear Ms. Henney,

Over the past year I have become increasingly aware of the possibility that the food I eat may have been derived from genetically engineered seeds. While I appreciate the amazing advances in science and its many benefits to our health, I'm not convinced that consuming genetically engineered food is safe.

As a matter of fact, I am OUTRAGED that when I purchase a tomato, or a can of soy beans I have no way of knowing if it is derived from genetically engineered seeds. Am I to understand that companies which produce foods without genetically engineered seeds are prohibited from making such claims on their labels?! This makes my stomach turn. Shouldn't I, as a consumer, have a choice as to whether I want to put into my body something that may have

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dangerous side effects to my health? Again, I must emphatically say, I AM OUTRAGED!

In Europe and Canada citizens seem to be better informed about this increasingly popular "agri-business" technique of growing pest resistant crops. They are demanding to be informed and their governments are responding with action. I would like my government to listen to my voice on this ~~opens~~ issue as well.

But I know my voice alone will not effect change. I know that the citizens of the United States are largely unaware of this potential danger to their health. It is my desire to do what I can to learn more about the bio-tech industry and educate whomever I can.

In closing, I would like to say that ~~until the~~ the FDA must take action and allow we as citizens to know if we are purchasing genetically engineered food - so that we have the

power to make a choice.

I would appreciate hearing from you with whatever steps you can take to ensure that this happens. My health and that of my fellow citizens is of prime concern to me.

Sincerely,

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