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Dear Mr. Glickman,

We urge the disapproval of Patent 5723765, promoting the development of genetic engineering in U.S. agriculture by Monsanto and subsidiaries.

There is verifiable research that indicates genetically modified crops are unsafe for plants, animals and humans. Specific study has been done on soybeans and rapeseed (canola oil) to support this contention.

We note how the European Union has judiciously questioned genetically altered crops. We applaud Brazil for challenging the safety of genetically engineered soybeans.

Monsanto in its quest for a position of power and control in U.S. and world agricultural economies, has bypassed the issues of health and safety of consumers.

Why do we as the American public have to be faced with produce, such as,

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corn, which we have no idea as to its cultivation, convential or transgenic? We praise organic farming.

The 21 century offers great potentials with the wise use of science and technology to promote the health and well being of Americans, and our fellow-men all over the world. Genetic engineering in U.S. agriculture is not the correct path.

Yours truly,

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P.S. Please respond.

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