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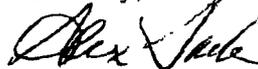
On behalf of approximately 10,000 people who have signed the Planetary Health/Amberwaves' petition, we request that the Commissioner of Food and Drugs 1) deny approval of genetically engineered LibertyLink Rice for use in the United States and 2) end the production of genetically engineered pharmaceutical rice in California and other states, pending comprehensive long-term studies of their effects on human health and the environment.

The factual and legal grounds for the petition were submitted to the FDA in person on July 24, 2002, including an independent scientific analysis and environmental impact statement of LibertyLink Rice that Planetary Health/Amberwaves commissioned by Dr. Joe Cummins, an internationally noted geneticist. He concludes that glufosinate ammonium, the herbicide used in conjunction with this crop, is potentially hazardous to human health and the environment and should not be released. Several years ago the government of Brazil banned LibertyLink rice used with glufosinate for health and environmental reasons. We have also submitted a book that we published, *Saving Organic Rice*, with essays by prominent scientists, environmentalists, and health specialists opposing the introduction of genetically engineered rice.

To the best of our knowledge, the petition includes all information relevant to the petition, favorable or not.

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Sincerely,

**Alex Jack  
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