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I am please to have an opportunity to address the issue of the way in which genetically engineered food is being offered to the public. A full discussion of this issue in various media and public meetings has yet to occur. I welcome all information and perspectives. The process must be slowed down.

I am most worried about the possibility that my allergies might be stimulated by newly manipulated foods. I have finally gotten them under control by avoiding certain products. My reactions can be severe. It was a long and expensive process to track down the culprits, and it takes a lot of discipline for me to maintain a diet that will keep me healthy. If I do not know what is in a product, how can I buy it? How can I be sure none of these genes triggers my reactions?

I am also concerned about the affects of new species of plants on other plants, on the soil, on insects and on the entire environment. Genes show up generations later in strange ways. Without extensive and long term testing, how can we be sure there won't be strange and unexpected damage?

Who are these biotechnologists and corporate executives to play god?
It is very alarming to me that I may be buying foods which have been tampered with and not know it. I think there should be immediate legislation banning the further planting of genetically engineered plants. Another law must require detailed labeling revealing exactly what genetic tampering has occurred so that consumers like me can determine which products we want to purchase.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this point of view. Please keep me informed about the progress of your investigation.

Very sincerely,
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