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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to voice my concern about genetically engineered food and to urge the FDA to require foods to be labeled if they are genetically engineered. If the chemical companies that produce these foods aren't trying to hide something why don't they want credit for all the good work that they do? You would think that they would be proud to have a statement saying "This food product genetically engineered with pride by ABC Company".

You require stores to list food that has been waxed (wax never killed anyone), you require labels to state the amount of salt contained in the food (salt never killed anyone) so I don't see why we can't have the right to read a label about genetically engineered food.

I have a right to make a decision about what I eat and I am shocked and appalled to find out that I have been eating genetically engineered food unbeknownst to me. As a result I have thrown out all the food in my house and am buying only organic food or imported food. This is costing me a small fortune and causing me a lot of stress and time.

Until the foods are labelled as to whether they are genetically engineered or not, could you please send me a list of foods that aren't yet genetically engineered so that I can have some variety in my diet. Or at least tell me where I can find out which food items haven't yet been tainted.

In the meanwhile I will contact all of the food companies that I buy from frequently to find out if they are using these food products and let them know that I will no longer buy any of their products, food or otherwise, if they do.

Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,

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