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Dear Dr. Henney,

I am very concerned about the health affects rGBH may be having on our children and on women and am writing to ask you to please suspend Monsanto's license to sell rGBH until tests have adequately proven its safety.

Corporate agriculture businesses would rather spray chemicals on crops, or subject crops to radiation, or inject livestock with weird hormones rather than utilize traditional farming methods that involve understanding and working with the weather and the soil. We, the hostage consumers of their technologically enhanced foods, are being treated as guinea pigs. Breast cancer rates have never been higher.

I am also writing to ask that the FDA get involved in banning the import of fruits and vegetables from countries who may be spraying with chemicals and pesticides that we have deemed unsafe in the U.S.

Finally, I am hearing more and more about the hazardous chemicals used in the production of plastics and the potential hazards to consumers of eating foods and beverages stored in plastic containers.

As a nation we must find an ecologically viable and sustainable way of producing, transporting, and selling food. Hosing down our produce with chemicals is not the answer; injecting cows with hormones is not the answer; radiating our food is ridiculous. I can't believe corporations are getting away with this.

Please.... let me know what your position is regarding these issues, what measures you plan to take, and how I as a consumer can become more involved in influencing the kinds of foods my local supermarket carries.

Thank you,



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