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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney
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RE: Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1

I am writing to add my comments to the official rulemaking docket (#00P-1211/CP1) demanding that the FDA develop a thorough pre-market and environmental testing and mandatory labeling for genetically engineered foods.

We have a right to know what is in the food that we are purchasing, as well as how it was produced, that has been refused to us for too long. In 1992, the FDA received thousands of comments from the public demanding mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, yet the agency refused to act. In fact, the public has overwhelmingly and consistently indicated that they want to know if their food has been genetically engineered.

I am also concerned that the government does not require mandatory pre-market safety testing of genetically engineered foods. Without such requirements, we will not know if new toxins or allergens are being introduced, or if levels of existing toxins in these foods are increased. Additionally, the effect of using antibiotic resistant genes in the genetic engineering process remains unclear, and may pose a health risk.

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Your recent announcement on this subject as part of the Clinton administration's proposal does not go far enough, and does not serve the public's best interests. I want to be able to make an educated choice about the foods I eat and know that their safety is guaranteed.

Sincerely,

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