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FDA Commissioner
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Food & Drug Administration
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I urge you to seriously reconsider the new rules and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods.

The voluntary labeling scheme punishes those not using GE technology by putting the burden on them to certify, test & label their foods.

During the recent negotiation on the Biosafety Protocol, the U.S. negotiating position was that international shipments of seeds, grains & plants that may contain GE material be labeled accordingly.

United States citizens deserve the same access to all information! Polls show that over 80% of Americans want GE food to be labeled. I want to be treated with respect by my government. I want to be allowed access to information so I can make informed decisions about what I feed my family.

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Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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