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>FDA Commissioner, Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
>Food and Drug Administration  
>5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
>Rockville, MD 20852

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Dear Food and Drug Administration,

The FDA must Require mandatory pre-market safety testing: GE foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers.

The FDA must Require mandatory pre-market environmental review because GE crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment.

The FDA must Require mandatory labeling of GE foods: Without mandatory labeling, neither consumers nor health professionals will know if an allergic or toxic reaction was the result of a genetically engineered food. Consumers will also be deprived of the critical knowledge they need to hold food producers liable should any of these novel foods prove hazardous. (Remember the recent Beer fiasco? And there was no way to stop it after it happened. Only proper required labelling would provide a safeguard to such gross negligence.)

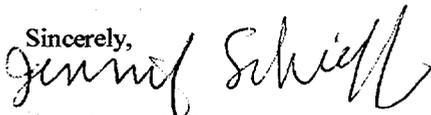
This "Notification" policy (a mere letter of notification prior to the marketing of a GE food) is an insult to consumers, and

irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. These Rules appear to be a decision made to convenience industry at the expense of public health, consumer information, and the environment.

Take action for the citizens of America and not for greed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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