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FDA Commissioner, Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396 & Docket No. 00D-1598

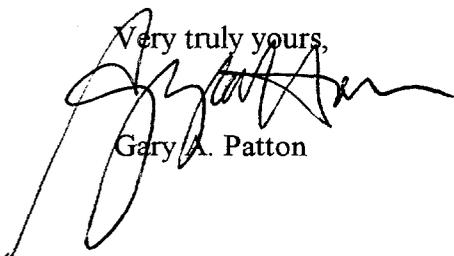
Dear Commissioner:

I am writing with respect to the above dockets to urge the following points:

1. **Please require mandatory pre-market safety testing:** Genetically engineered foods could be toxic, could cause allergic responses, could have lower nutritional value, and could compromise immune responses in consumers.
2. **Please require mandatory pre-market environmental review:** Genetically engineered crops and foods could cause irreparable damage to the environment, so there needs to be pre-market environmental review.
3. **Please require mandatory labeling of genetically engineered 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.
4. **The proposed "Notification" policy is an insult to consumers:** The current proposal irresponsibly ignores strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of genetically engineered foods. These rules appear to be a decision made to convenience industry at the expense of public health, consumer information, and the environment.

Thank you for taking my strongly felt views into consideration.

Very truly yours,

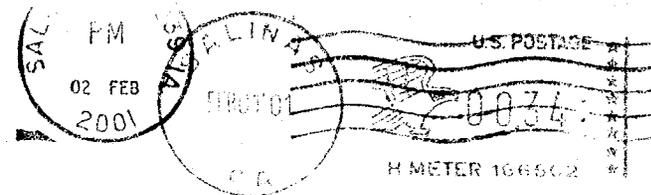

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