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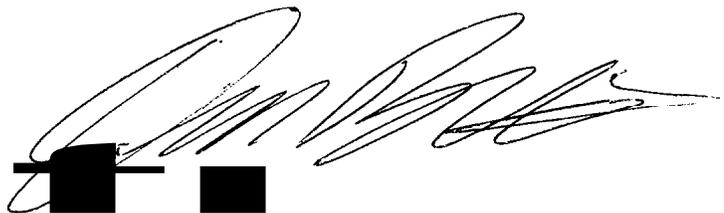
Docket # OON-1396 and #OOD-1598

To Commissioner,

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I am extremely concerned that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proposed regulations that still fail to require labels or safety tests on genetically engineered (GE) food. Labels on GE foods are required in Japan, Russia, and throughout Europe, yet your new proposal continues to deny Americans the right to know what is in our food.

FDA's voluntary labeling guidelines will leave thousands of unlabeled GE foods on our supermarket shelves. Furthermore, the agency's proposed notification rule fails to require any safety testing. FDA appears to be playing politics with our food, disregarding science-based precautions that other countries have implemented. I urge you to reconsider this proposal and insure that GE foods are subject to pre-market testing and labeling. Americans deserve the same protections as the rest of the world. What concerns me the most is the control we would be losing over what we are putting in our and our childrens bodies. We should be able to choose the type of food we eat and we should also be able to choose the source of the food we eat and know it with deadfast certainty. Our government should want to protect us here. I am sure that I can not see the whole big picture, but it seems to me that while all food has a label of some sort anyway, why not give consumers as much information as possible, not only on GE foods but all foods.

Sincerely, Drew Emery Battin

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