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Dear FDA,

I am a voting citizen against your proposed rules for voluntary labeling of genetically engineered foods.

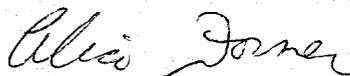
I know that science and industry has a right to explore and experiment, but to market these experiments without long term testing that might reveal dangers to our health is just plain wrong. To assume they are safe and just let the American people who eat them be the guinea pigs is worse than irresponsible. It is cruel. Especially to children. How can you promise that a child who takes in these mutated substances daily for thirty or forty years will not later discover some permanent alteration or damage they've caused?

If you are foolish enough to allow these food products on the market, the consumer should at least have the right to choose whether to buy them or not. This is a serious issue of consumer rights. If they are not labeled --- and with your proposed rule they won't be since the companies marketing them would not want to risk losing business --- then you are tampering with a basic American freedom. We don't censor our newspapers because Americans citizens have always prized our right to know and to make our own informed choices. Don't take that freedom away from us.

Since there have not been enough studies to guarantee these foods will not harm people or the environment, the best solution would be a moratorium on these products until we know, but the least you can do is require mandatory labeling.

Sincerely,

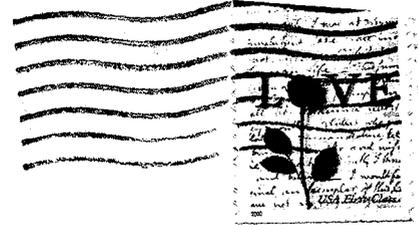
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