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Dear FDA Commissione:

I am writing to express my opinion and opposition to the FDA's new proposed rule and guidance on genetically engineered (GE) foods. I am quite shocked that with all the labelling requirements we have in our great country that GE foods are not required at present to be labelled. This is absolutely unacceptable. If I personally have to read every label because I happen to have a food allergy to corn and any corn product then I should also have the right to know which foods have been GE. Especially since no long term tests have been done to insure the safety to humans.

I personally feel strongly about our right to have organic food. I buy it whenever possible as I feel it is much more healthy than any other type of food out there. Unfortunately, I, like many other Americans, cannot afford organic food all the time. Some people not at all. Therefore, I, like many others, am forced to buy that →

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which has been produced at a much lower rate of quality or have many ingredients in it that I would prefer to avoid. By not labelling GE foods I'll have no choice but to buy foods without knowing whether they are or aren't GE. I have a very sensitive system and by reading the ingredients I am able to avoid certain problems. By not knowing what's been GE or not I'll have no way of avoiding it should I need to. GE food has every possibility of being a wonderful thing, but people should have the right to choose if they want to try it or not. The basic rights of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" cannot be attained if people become sick from the food and have no way of avoiding it since nothing is labelled. I urge you to require GE Foods to be labelled as such. Every single one of them.

Sincerely,
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