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Review of the Moratorium on GM Canola

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Concerning review on the canola moratorium, I am deeply distressed and concerned that you would not consider the health implications within the review panel but nevertheless, I still have major concerns:-

Canola oil is used in different forms of margarines, cooking oils, and has potential uses for future crude oil undertakings. It was originally created using a rapeseed and by selective breeding was adapted to become Canola (**Canadian oil, low acid**).

My concerns are:-

1. I have allergies which could easily be affected by a change in the genetic splicing and bombardment of genes.
2. I want a choice because of these allergies and if you contaminate all the canola fields with GM, I will not have a choice.
3. It is too expensive for the farmers to segregate, so the contamination will appear within a short space of time.
4. If I do not like the taste of other oils like olive oil, I will be left without any choice of oils.
5. I cannot understand why the labeling laws do not show to me, the consumer that canola oil will be genetically modified as the end product i.e. chips soaked in canola oil, will not have "this product may contain genetically modified ingredients". It is only in its raw state that the labeling occurs i.e. 100% canola oil. The labeling laws are not sufficient for me to avoid GM.
6. I will be forced to accept GM and I need a choice due to my allergies.
7. The possibilities of me having an anaphylactic shock are high with GM due to myself

(and others I know) who are sensitive to allergens which can be caused by changes within DNA structures.

8. I do not want to put my life on the line because someone thinks "this is a good idea" and has not thought of the consequences.

9. I am a consumer and want choice when GM does not give me any due to contamination.

10. There have been no human or sufficient testing of this GM product and I am waiting for more research to be done (Judy Carmen) who will show me if this product is safe enough for me to eat. If you leave the moratorium on, there will be enough time for this research to assess my fears with GM.

Please, for the sake of all of us who have allergies, reconsider this decision as you may be putting our lives on the line. Please keep the moratorium on so that sufficient testing is done on human health.

Kind regards

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