

Dear

The USDA needs to re-write the requirements of the Organic Food Production Act and the principles currently used by organic farmers.

I strongly oppose genetically engineered organisms in organic food. This process may have long-term adverse effects on the environment and our health.

I oppose irresponsible use of antibiotics with organically raised livestock. I also ask the USDA to tighten up the livestock portion of the rules to restrict the use of hormones and steroids, and ban the allowance of continuous confinement of animals.

I oppose the use of toxic sludge in organic farming. Municipal sewage sludge may be contaminated with dangerous chemicals that potentially could be absorbed by the crops.

I do support the National Organic Standard Board's role in determining allowable synthetic ingredients. Congress created this independent board with strong experience in organic agriculture. The NOSB deserves to be the primary body governing the future of organic foods.

Sincerely,

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