

# **Please Support HR 2921, the Genetically Engineered Pharmaceutical and Industrial Crop Safety Act**

Representative \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

**I am writing to ask you to support and co-sponsor HR 2921, the Genetically Engineered  
Pharmaceutical and Industrial Crop Safety Act.**

Many research scientists believe the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been too lax in its oversight of genetically engineered crops. But what the agency is proposing for crops that are genetically engineered to contain pharmaceutical drugs and industrial chemicals is nearly unbelievable.

**The USDA has issued proposed rules that would allow corn genetically engineered to contain pharmaceutical drugs to be grown as little as one mile away from regular corn grown for human consumption.** It is well documented that corn pollen can carry for miles. If the USDA follows through with these proposed rules, it is practically inevitable that food crops will become contaminated with drugs and chemicals. If such contamination takes place, it could enormously damage the reputation of U.S. agricultural products, making it nearly impossible to export those products to other countries.

Even grocery industry trade organizations have told the USDA and the biotech industry that they do not want crops that have been genetically engineered to contain pharmaceutical drugs and industrial chemicals to be grown in ANY food crops. They want only non-foods crops, such as tobacco, to be used.

**As requested by the grocery industry, HR 2921 would restrict this technology to use in only non-food crops. However, HR 2921 provides even greater safeguards by not allowing these so-called "pharmacrops" to be grow in any open-air environment.** In other words, all genetically engineered crops that contain pharmaceutical drugs and industrial chemicals would be restricted to greenhouses or other controlled facilities that would prevent pollen from being transported by wind, bees and birds.

The USDA appears ready to begin approving the open-air commercial growing of these controversial drug- and chemical-containing crops. Please ask the House Agriculture Committee to hold hearings on this issue before allowing the USDA to permit any commercial growing of these risky crops. HR 2921 has been assign to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.

**Please write me back and let me know if you will support and co-sponsor HR 2921 and work to get hearings on these controversial crops.**

For further information on this issue, visit the PharmCrops web site at: [www.pharmacrops.com](http://www.pharmacrops.com)

Sincerely,

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