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To:

The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau  
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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## I demand safety and transparency of all GM seeds

Dear Minister Bibeau,

I am writing to ask you to take action to stop the release of any undisclosed genetically engineered (genetically modified or GM) seeds.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is proposing to exempt many gene-edited GM seeds from regulation. These changes would allow companies to release some new GM seeds onto the market and into our environment without any government risk assessments and without providing any notification to the government, farmers or consumers.

Farmers need to know what seeds they are buying. Organic farmers need to know which seeds are genetically modified because organic farming prohibits the use of GM seeds.

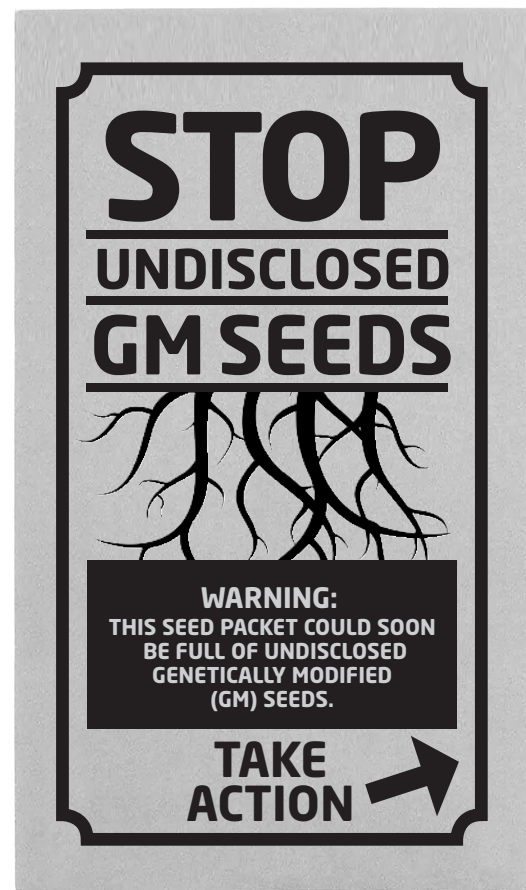
Please ensure safety and transparency of all GM seeds in the food system.

Thank you for taking this important action.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address:



## ENSURE SAFETY & TRANSPARENCY

[cban.ca/NoExemptions](http://cban.ca/NoExemptions)

### GMO regulatory exemptions will jeopardize safety & transparency

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is proposing to exempt some genetically modified (GM or genetically engineered) seeds from regulation. Health Canada says it will not regulate some new GM foods produced with gene editing (those with no foreign DNA).

### Please ensure government oversight:

- Don't let companies sell new seeds without disclosing that they are genetically modified.
- Don't let companies decide the safety of their own GM seeds & foods, without any government safety checks.

### These changes will mean:

- No independent government food safety and environmental assessments of many new genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- Companies can put some new GM seeds on the market without telling the government, or farmers that the seeds are GM.
- Companies can sell some GM foods without notifying Health Canada.

### Why it matters:

- Farmers need to know what seeds they're buying.
- Organic farmers need to know if seeds have been gene edited because all GMOs are prohibited under the Canada Organic Standards.
- Most Canadians want GMOs labelled.