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Please do not grant this application to grow Genetically Modified bananas. Despite all the claims by the scientists GMOs the true genetic character of any GMO cannot be known and the desires result guaranteed.

The science has not reached the necessary accuracy, and it cannot possibly have tested the effects of this ne organism against ALL the living forms , including the micro-organisms , or the effect it will have on the ecology of the soil in which it is planted. To test thoroughly would take years : even with new technology. The cost would be prohibitive.

The push for this banana is primarily financial. It has no care for the ecology of the surrounding environment. The chemical pesticides for the pests from which it needs protection will add to an overburdened by such chemicals . Natural methods can be more reliably bred and tested. This may take time , but not as much as thorough testing of the GMO variety. Natural methods will be quicker, cheaper and more benign, will be more successful, and the ultimate effects on the planet we are destroying will be much less. No-one has the right to plant a GMO without the agreement of ALL the people in the country. If necessary it should go to referendum.

A rogue variety could ruin the whole banana industry.

The main impulse is PROFIT driven and has taken no account of the possible damage and reparations that may be necessary. The costs of eradication and compensation for damage could be astronomical.

We already have too many pests.

Yours faithfully ,

