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I am writing to object to the use of ionizing radiation on seeds for sprouting. Irradiation has the potential to adversely effect the health of my family. I am disturbed the Food and Drug Administration approved this process, particularly for seeds that are sold as sprouts and the sprouts will not be labeled.

Specifically, I object because:

1. No toxicity studies have been done on the sprouts that grow from irradiated seeds. The research used to approve the radiation of sprouting seeds was the same flawed research used to approve the irradiation of food directly.

2. The FDA approved the irradiation of sprouting seeds at a maximum dose of 8 kiloGray, though data was submitted on the nutritional changes in sprouted seeds irradiated at only 6 kiloGray.

3. Sprouts grown from irradiated seeds will not be labeled. I have a right to know what I am feeding my family and any attempt to circumvent this knowledge is unacceptable.

I demand you re-evaluate this decision.

*David Dean*  
Sincerely,

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