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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
Room 1061
5630 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #00N-1351

Dear Friends,

We are writing to you about your proposal to allow irradiated foods to be labeled "fresh."

As far as the general public is concerned, the entire point of irradiating food is to assure that it is not fresh. The general public believes this because the industry says that if foods are allowed to remain fresh, they may spoil or otherwise be dangerous to health. So to render them non-fresh, we are told we must irradiate them.

Fine, for some people. But not for others, including us. We believe fresh is fresh, and irradiated is "false fresh."

Why is the FDA fearful of accurate?

Sincerely,

K. Dun Gifford
President
Oldways Preservation & Exchange Trust

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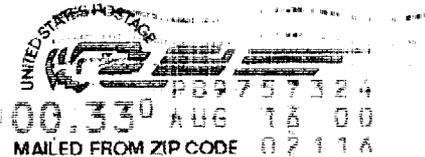
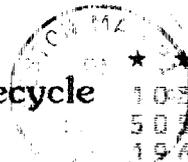
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