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Dear Secretary Shalala

I hope it is not too late to express my concern about the FDA possibly weakening label requirements for irradiated food. This would be a shameful injustice to those of us who care about what we put into our bodies, and inspect every label closely before making a purchase.

My wife and I grow as much of our own food as possible, and we ensure that purchased foods are certified organic. When buying packaged foods, we make sure that they are not heavily processed, or contain dyes or preservatives. To think that we could be this careful and unknowingly be buying food that has been irradiated would be offensive and unacceptable, and should be illegal.

A cute little symbol on a package is not adequate warning. I want to see irradiation stopped altogether. If this is aking too much, then at least make sure that the labeling is obvious to the consumer.

This is a serious matter. I trust you will make the right decision.

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Sincerely,

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