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Dear Secretary Shalala,

I am concerned about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food. I feel it is my right to know what I am buying, and do not ever wish to consume irradiated food.

I understand irradiation will reduce the nutritional quality of food, decreasing vitamins A, C, E, and some B, at the same time creating harmful free radicals which these anti-oxidant vitamins are necessary to fight; that it could compromise worker safety and create new volumes of toxic radioactive waste; that it doesn't kill all bacteria so the survivors would constitute a super strain.

Please help protect consumers by working to stop untested procedures, and defending their right to know.

Sincerely,

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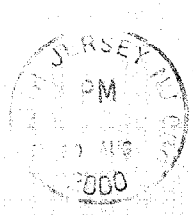

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