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Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am extremely alarmed at the December decision by the USDA to allow irradiation of raw meat, and loosening regulations on irradiation of poultry.

To lose control of specially treated foodstuffs is dangerous to public health. It is an action against the betterment of American citizens and only benefits the self-interest of the meat industry, at the public's expense.

That our regulating agency could allow the introduction of extremely controversial & questionable practices into our food production practices is unconscionable.

I ask that you take action to

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halt this frightening decision, and prevent yet another assault on our lives.

Sincerely

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