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Dear Secretary Shalala

This is to express my concern about possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food + Drug Administration. I strongly believe it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

Food that undergoes chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. Also, food not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Only clear honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope you will defend the customer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,
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