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Donna Shalala, Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

I cannot believe that there is now a move to eliminate the requirement to label foods treated with radiation, making it impossible for consumers to know what they are buying.... And that the FDA has approved irradiation as a "food additive" when there has not been any long-term studies on the health effects of food irradiation!!

As Co-Chair of the President's Council

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on Food Safety, you must defend the consumer's right to know what foods have been irradiated. America has been leading in providing detailed information about our food products. This is now essential ~~in~~ regarding the radiation of our food. For food that is not packaged, there must be clearly printed posters in plain view of such food.

I hope you will defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process, especially for the sake of our children.

Sincerely,

Lea M. Csala