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Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed weakening of label requirements on irradiated food.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. Sufficient research and testing has not yet been done to truly determine the safety of this procedure.

It is not fair to us, as citizens and consumers. We need to be allowed the choice of knowledge - regarding the safety of the food we eat.

Sincerely,

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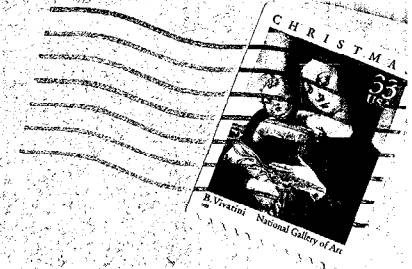

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