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Dear Secretary Shalala,

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Please don't let the label requirements for irradiated food be weakened. If Americans are unable to make educated choices, the long term health consequences may burden the country's future generations economic health. Labels are important to those who need or want them and they are educational to those who are unaware.

Please don't be pushed around by those who want the label requirements weakened. Why don't they want the labels? They know if people are educated and have a choice they will choose food that is not chemically changed by irradiation. Wish they'd use the energy they are fighting progress + fund other →

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uses for irradiation that don't involve people injesting or inhaling items they irradiate. We have enough problems with pollution and food contamination. Lets change the reason or ways food is prepared that the agribusinesses thinks it needs to irradiate. Maybe huge farms, chemical assistance etc is not the way to go.

Happy 2000!

Sincerely

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