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Dear Secretary Shalala,

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

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 consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Respectfully,

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