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Donna Shalala, Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala,

We are concerned about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food, that are being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. We strongly believe that it is our right to know if the food we purchase has been treated with radiation.

Foods that have been treated should by law be so labeled, prominently, either on the package or bulk displays. They should be labeled honestly and not misleadingly.

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

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Sincerely,

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