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Donna Shalala, Secretary
US Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

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

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These changes warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package or a poster in plain view for unpackaged foods. 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 urge you to defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,


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