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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 strongly believe that 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 cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. 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 that you will defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process.**

**Sincerely,**

**Your Name**

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Dear Sir, or Madam

I have cancer  
and am very concerned  
about vegetables  
and fruit I purchase  
and am extremely  
concerned about  
quality! Chemicals  
are absorbed into  
the body thru  
the meat we eat  
also pesticides, insecticides  
and contamination,

I would never  
purchase irradiated  
food products. No  
wonder we are dying  
from cancer! and  
other diseases.  
Sincerely,

Mrs Grace Smith  
"Retired" nurse

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