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Dear Dr. Schwetz,

As an American consumer and taxpayer, I am urging you to refrain from legalizing the irradiation of any additional types of food until up-to-date research is conducted on the potential that these products could cause cancer and birth defects.

I am most concerned about a proposal to irradiate ready-to-eat foods, a proposal that the food industry is already telling the public that the FDA is going to approve. The multinational food industry would rather sell contaminated food using irradiation as their silver-bullet solution, than clean up their slaughterhouses and processing plants which have become breeding grounds for E. coli, Salmonella, Listeria and other food-borne pathogens.

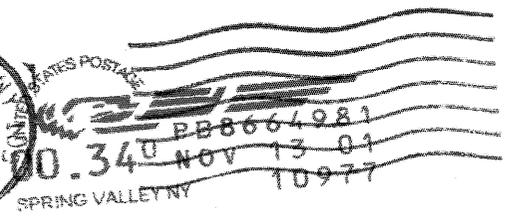
Please review the growing body of scientific evidence that is seriously questioning the safety and wholesomeness of irradiated foods. I trust that the agency will conscientiously abide by strict guidelines before approving any food irradiation proposals or any food additive proposal.

Sincerely,

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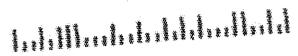
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