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Division of Dockets Management
Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Citizen Petition #4Z4752 - Irradiated Ground Beef

Dear Sir or Madam:

Gray Panthers California has asked that I write in support of the above named petition which would revoke FDA approval of irradiation to treat ground beef. We urge you to rescind this approval in view of recent testing by Public Citizen and the Center for Food Safety which detected 2-ACB in irradiated ground beef purchased on the open market and in at least one fast food restaurant. These chemicals have the potential to cause cancer and do genetic damage to humans. We call on you to use high quality scientific evidence in your approval system.

We must be able to count on the safety - short and long term - for our children and grandchildren and need you to step up to the cause immediately.

Sincerely,

Joan B. Lee
Legislative Liaison

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