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Dear Sirs or Madam,

As President and Representative of the above Association with over 20,000 members in the Tri-State area of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania we are opposed to the irradiation of our foods. This includes all foods.

Frankly, we believe there are safer and more natural ways to protect the public from contaminated food. It surely does not make sense to contaminate food by irradiation. There is plenty of scientific evidence for the above statement.

If you are going to allow this insult to the human body let us at least have a choice by straight forward labeling, not by devious words such as cold pastuerization.

Let us call it what is is, "nuked foods".. As you, I am sure are aware the nuclear industry will be phased out over the next years because of its high cost and high risk. So why continue to spread irradiated products on the unwary public?

However, if you insist on supporting rogue industries, then at least let us be able to make our own decisions on whether we wish to eat these products. Let us call it "treated with radiation or treated by irradiation".

I would appreciate your response.

Sincerely,


Ted W. Mitchell, President

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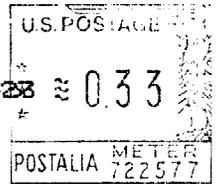
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