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Donna Shalala, Secretary
U.S. Department of Health
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200 Independence Ave. S.W.
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Re: Irradiation of Food

Dear Secretary Shalala:

We are most concerned about irradiation of foods.

Yes, irradiation may kill E-coli, Salmonella & other food-borne pathogens. However, irradiation also does the following:

1) Depletes nutrients in food;
2) Creates mutant life forms;
3) Kills beneficial micro-organisms;
4) Masks filthy slaughterhouse conditions; 1022000156B
5) Marginalizes already struggling family farmers.

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I do not want to eat irradiated food & ask that you put labels on it so I (& all others who do not want to eat it)

can avoid it.

Food irradiation is designed in part to serve the agenda of the global meat industry; to consolidate even further & extend its reach to an increasing global market.

For all the above reasons, and more, please say "no" to irradiated food.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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