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Secretary Tommy Thompson
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington D.C. 20201

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Dear Secretary Thompson,

As a concerned parent and consumer, I am writing to urge the Dept. of Health and Human Services to place a moratorium on the FDA's approval of irradiated foods.

Additionally, I am requesting that the Dept. appoint an independent panel of experts, who have no relationship with the FDA's food irradiation approval process or the food irradiation industry. This panel should re-examine the full body of research into the safety of eating irradiated foods. The panel should also support new research into the toxicity of unique

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radiolytic products prior the approval of new foods.

The mission of the Dept. of Health and Human Services is to protect the health of the American people. Also, to serve as a brake on corporate efforts to expand profits at the expense of our health and well-being. Please fulfill this mandate and support a moratorium on irradiated foods.

Sincerely,

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