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TO THE FDA:

I am writing to comment on whether or not changes are needed for federal regulations requiring irradiated food to be labeled as such.

As a Registered/Licensed Dietitian, I place a great deal of emphasis on label reading with my clients. Consumers have come to trust the information provided on food labels.

If irradiation is truly a "safe" method, there should be no problem with having this information displayed prominently. Consumers have the right to choose!

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