To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing to express my concerns/opinion regarding the issue of labeling irradiated foods.

As a consumer, I <u>want</u> conspicuous and prominent labelling for all irradiated foods, including products made with irradiated ingredients.

I <u>want</u> adequate signs on bins for irradiated bulk produce.

I <u>want</u> labeling for irradiated foods to be <u>permanent</u>, just like other types of consumer labeling

<u>NOTE</u>: Codex labeling requirements require that all irradiated foods be labeled as irradiated.

I believe that I have the right to know how my foods are processed so that I can be an informed consumer. I believe I have the right to know (by conspicuous labeling) if my food has been irradiated, because, regardless of what companies wish to represent as the "truth", I believe irradiation alters food in a way I do not wish to support. If companies are truly comfortable with producing and selling items with irradiated contents, why are they so uncomfortable with truthful, informative labelling giving the customer the right to chose. If we consumers are shying away from purchasing irradiated foods, let that be a clear message that we don't want them!

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