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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern about the proposals not to label irradiated food. As a consumer, I <u>want</u> <u>to</u> <u>know</u> if food has been irradiated, because I do not buy irradiated food. I do not want to eat irradiated food. I strongly support clear, visible, obvious labeling requirements on all irradiated foods. The word "irradiated" should be used, not innocuous-sounding euphemisms. It is my right to know, and to exercise my choice as a consumer not to buy irradiated food. If such food is not labeled clearly at the store where it is for sale, how can I exercise my right? I urge you to require by law the clear labeling of <u>all</u> irradiated foods on the shelf, in the stores where they are sold. And not for a limited period of time, but for as long as the practice of food irradiation continues.

Sincerely,

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