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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for mandatory labelling of irradiated foods. The use of the terms "irradiation" or irradiated" and the use of the radura symbol should be mandatory. Alternative terms like "cold pasturazation" and "electronic pasturazation" are unacceptable, as they are misleading to consumers and do not convey the truth of processing in a readily understood manner. It is imperative that consumers have a right to make an informed choice regarding their food purchases, and that those of us who are opposed to this process not be subjected to eating irradiated foods.

The above labeling is in reference

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Respectfully,
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