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Greetings —

In regard to "Docket #98N-1038; Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food".

As if adulterating the nation's food supply were not a bad enough idea in general, permitting irradiated (and genetically engineered) food to be sold without explicit labelling is in my view unconscionable.

I have heard the argument that these techniques enable some people to eat who otherwise would have no food at all but these are bogus, in my view. Why not simply work for a world in which everyone has access to fresh, local food?

Please retain the current labelling law; terminology which clearly & explicitly shows the consumer that food is irradiated or genetically altered. I see no reason why such labelling requirements should expire any time in the future.

Sincerely,

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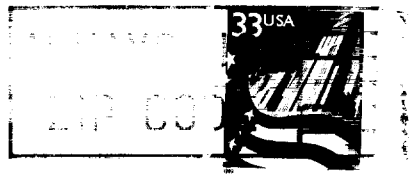

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