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TO: Dockets Mgmt. Branch (HFA-305)
Food & Drug Administration
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Dear FDA,

I am writing both as a scientist and as a concerned consumer. (re. Docket # 98N-1038)

Namely, I strongly believe that it is in the best interests of the consumer's health and peace of mind to clearly and prominently label all irradiated foods.

Some may argue that no "smoking gun" has been found to implicate the dangers of irradiated foods. Others dispute this. In any case no one has conclusively or even suggestively shown that irradiated foods are harmless. There is much evidence for radiolytic products and subtle nutritional changes.

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cc. Docket No. 98N-1038

Sincerely,
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