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To whom this may concern:

Concerning Docket #98N-1038 Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food.

We who do not want irradiated or irradiation of foods we eat need honest labels, and thank you for helping us.

Irradiated foods must be required to show <u>visible</u> labeling and the use of the terms irradiated, radura symbol, irradiation.

Proposed alternative terms — cold pasteurization and electronic pasteurization are misleading to the public — do not use them.

Irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not realized or expected by the consumer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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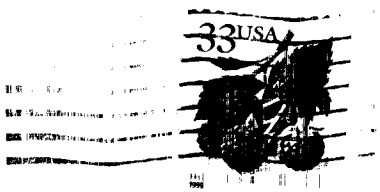

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