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Gentlemen:

I read in today's Rocky Mt. News that you are planning to remove current label requirements for irradiated food. I can't believe you plan to approve this for all foods including fresh fruit & vegetables.

According to a CBS News report, 77% of Americans do not want irriated food. No one asked my opinion - I say it is utter foolishness. It is so ridiculous I can't believe anyone would want to win their food w/poison. They tried doing meat in last war & it was a total failure - the meat scraped off like mush. No one bought it until they quit that nonsense. When nuclear waste was dumped into the ocean - remember the deformaties to sponges & other Marine life? If a food has a long shelf-life without refrigeration, that means there is no life force left in it! We don't like deceiving terms such as cold pasturization or electronic pasturization. They are misleading & you know the price of foods would have to double. Are you trying to legally murder us all? Smacks of New World Order - wanting to reduce the population. If you put proper symbols & labeling on foods - you know no one would buy the darned stuff!

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