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Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food:

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I am very concerned that requirements for labeling irradiated foods may be eliminated or weakened.

I work at a co-operatively owned community market where myself and many others are very thoughtful about the food we buy, both out of concern for personal well-being and that of the larger environment.

It is very important to me to be able to know what I am buying and eating. I read ingredients labels and pay attention to growing and processing practices. I want to be able to know, easily, whether or not a product has been irradiated and, I want to be able to inform our customers. We are asked about processes as well as ingredients and it would be frightening to have to say that there is no way to know about irradiation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Kremers

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