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Re: Docket # 98N-1038,
"Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food"

July 9, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not permit the weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food. I want all foods whose ingredients have been irradiated to be specifically labeled "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation".

I would also like to see label requirements for irradiated food extended to restaurants and to grocers that sell food touched by the irradiation process but sold without individual packaging.

Please do not bend to the pressures from the nuclear industry and agribusiness to remove or change these labels. I strongly believe that even the food consumers whose livelihoods depend on those businesses would prefer to see the food they buy - labeled as "radiated" or "irradiated" if they are such.

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I would also like to see a better promotion of the symbol - the radura - and its meaning in the media - newspapers, magazines etc. I believe that most people would not recognize the radura as an irradiation symbol.

I will forward copies of this letter to my Connecticut state Senators and Congressional Representative so they know my opinions on this subject. And I hope they take this as an incentive to push for strong rules that protect the American consumers and allow us the label information we need when we're buying our food.

Sincerely,

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