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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1038
Irradiation in the Production, Processing + Handling of Food

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I am a business consultant, accountant and small business owner (My husband and I own a recording studio). I am absolutely opposed to changing the labelling of irradiated foods if it means we can't tell easily and clearly if a product contains irradiated foods. I will not knowingly eat radiated food and I want to know at a glance what is treated by radiation.

I grew up on a 300 acre apple and peach farm in New Jersey and I have four farmer brothers. Quality of food is a major issue to me. This country is on a major watershed with these radiation of foods issues here. We need to be very, very careful. It's a mistake to irradiate, but if you are going to do it anyway, it is a BIG SIN to not communicate this by at the very least the international radiation symbol prominently displayed. We're talking about life + death issues. You don't have my approval to go forward. It's not progress in my book.

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Sincerely,

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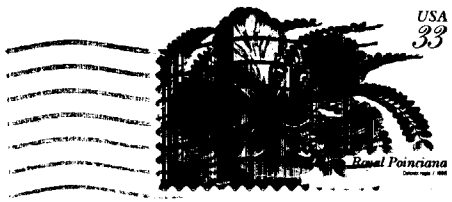

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