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JANE E. HENNEY, MD, Commissioner
Food + Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Dr. Henney,

RE: DOCKET No. 98N-1038
Irradiation in The Production, Processing and Handling of Food

I am a business consultant, accountant and small business owner (my husband and I, singer-songwriters, own a recording studio). I am absolutely opposed to changing The labeling 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 4 farmer brothers. The quality of food is a major issue. This country is on The edge of a major issue and we need to be very careful here. It's a mistake to irradiate, but if you are going to, it's a huge SIN to not communicate this by The international radiation symbol prominently displayed

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Sincerely,
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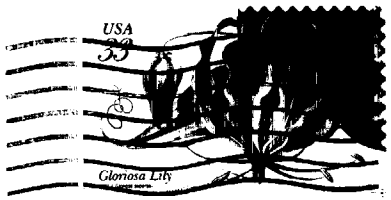

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