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Re: Docket #98N-1038
"Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

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To the Dockets Management Branch
FDA
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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I oppose irradiation of our food. Its safety has not been proven and it results in the creation of additional radioactive waste.

At the very least, the American people should be informed about what foods have been irradiated. The foods must be clearly labeled with the internationally recognizable symbol

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for radiation.
Do not discontinue labeling requirements. To do so would be a grave infringement on the rights of consumers to choose foods they feel are safe and more wholesome.

Radioactive wastes are a serious problem in the environment. We should not be adding to this burden by using isotopes for food preservation. The safety of workers in the manufacture & transport of these materials should also be considered.

Yours truly

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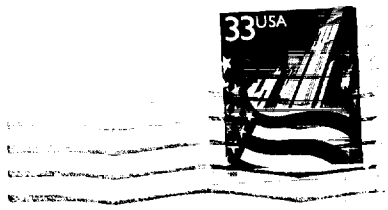

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