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Dear Dr. Jane E. Henney M.D.
Commisioner of FDA

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I am terribly upset about the possibility of weakening or the getting rid of the labeling requiring for irradiating food. any foods or any foods containing ingredients.

That have been treated by irradiation, should clearly be labeled with a written statement on the main display panel indicating such treatment.

The statement should be easy to read and placed in close by to the name of the food and accompanied by the Radura, the International symbol of irradiated food. If the food is not packaged this info. should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain sight. Close to where the products is displayed for sale

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Like other Labels required by Federal Law. Irradiation Labels must be truthful and Not misleading.

Proposed phrases Like Cold pasteurizing are In-adequate.
Because pasteurization is a Completely different process involving Rapid heating and cooling.
The Language "treated with Radiation OR treated by Rad-iation" Should be used be-cause they accurately portray The irradiation process
Radura Symbol without written disclosure is Not acceptable.
Consumers have a Right to know how their food has been processed.
Please make Sure that Label-ing Requirements are Strengthened Not weakened.

Signed
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