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

How dare you propose diluting our national standards of organic food by allowing factory farming, sewage sludge, genetic engineering and irradiation in organic food production!

How dare you propose substituting false and misleading labels (i.e. cold (?) pasteurization) on foods that have been irradiated!

We citizens have a right to know how our food has been processed. We expect the Food and Drug administration to protect this

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right by passage of strong labeling requirements on the production, processing and handling of food.

Very truly yours,

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