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Re: Docket #98N-1038

Dear Dr. Henney:

As a citizen of the USA, I imagine that you are proud and grateful for the freedoms you enjoy and the choices that go along with that. I know I am.

Most Americans, when asked, have expressed a desire for choice regarding consuming irradiated foods. To eliminate the labelling of irradiated foods, or to change the labelling terms to an unfamiliar phrase like "cold pasteurization" would be to eliminate a choice that citizens consistently report as valuable to us. This would be a great disservice to us. Don't do this to us, please!

The last word isn't in on irradiated foods. It should be our right as Americans to choose to avoid irradiated foods until further research is available to us. When I ask, most of my friends say they thought clear honest labelling is simply a given. Like you, we concerned citizens across the country are busy and maybe a bit overwhelmed in our lives — or you would be hearing from a lot more of us. Surely the public polls make that evident.

Citizen to citizen — I ask you to do the right thing: preserve the labelling the American people want & deserve.

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