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Dr. Henney,

I am very concerned about the prospect of weakening or eliminating the labeling requirements for irradiated food. Any foods, or any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation, should be clearly labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment. If the food is not packaged, the information should be clearly displayed on a poster in plain view and ~~adj~~ adjacent to where the product is displayed for sale.

I reject any proposal to use euphemistic phrases such as "cold pasteurization". The terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained be-

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cause they accurately portray the irradiation process. The radura symbol alone is not adequate.

As a consumer, I have the right to know how my food has been processed. Please, ensure that labeling requirements are strengthened, not weakened.

Sincerely yours,

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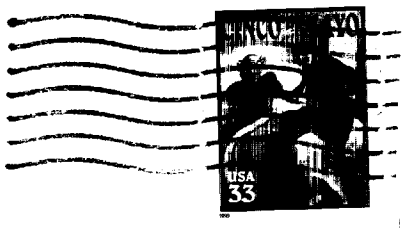

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