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Dear Secretary Shalala:

Despite my professional training, I cannot find data that helps me make a decision about irradiated foods.

Nevertheless, I believe it is only fair to continue labeling food products to enable the purchaser to decide to buy or not to buy food items. Labeling foods about irradiation hurts no one. Not labeling denies us citizens, professional or not, a basic right to our own choice.

I hope you will allow me to make my choice in the matter of irradiated foods.

Sincerely

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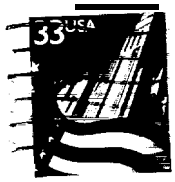

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