Donna Shalala, Secretary
U.S. Dept of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Ave., S.W.
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Dear Secretary Shalala,

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic & nutritional changes in food warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope that you will defend the consumer's right to know in this very important decision-making process.

Sincerely,

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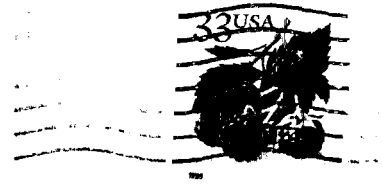

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