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Dear Secretary Shalala,

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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 and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is 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

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to the customer. Only clear honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope that you will defend the consumers right to know in this important decision making process.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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