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Donna Shalala, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Shalala,

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

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. This warrants disclosure on the packaging. If the food is not packaged, it should be accompanied by a poster where it is displayed for sale. Clear, honest and permanent labeling is ~~[illegible]~~ necessary for irradiated foods.

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

Sincerely,
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