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Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to say please do not weaken regulations concerning labeling of irradiated foods. I strongly believe in my right to know if food items have been treated with radiation.

The nutritional and cosmetic changes created by exposure to radioactive isotopes warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. Items not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view at the point of display.

Labels are to be clear, honest , permanent, precise, truthful and not misleading to the consumer.

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

Thank you

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