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Dear Secr. Shalala

I believe that I should be able to know whether the food I eat has been ~~the~~ irradiated or not. I strongly object to lack of labeling — clear & ~~obvi~~ obvious labeling — of such foods.

I understand that you are considering weakening what labeling is now required.

There are chemical changes

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that occure in foods due to exposure to radioactive isotopes. We do not know what effect on the body such changes may have when ingested.

We must have prominent labeling on packaged irradiated foods and, when not packaged, they have to be accompanied by large, close, clearly worded posters that inform the public that the food has been irradiated.

Please defend our right to know what we are eating! Dont give in to "big money" in the industry & leave us, the public at such serious risk due to rule-making & rule weakening.

I trust you! Thanks.

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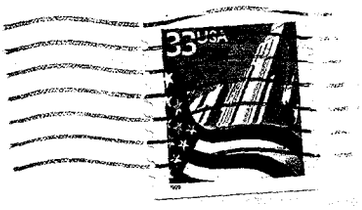

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