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Donna Shalala, Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Dr Shalala;

I am writing to express my concerns about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for radiated foods that is being considered by the Food & 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. Only clear honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated food.

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I've been buying organically grown foods for years, and would like to continue taking care of my health and my family's well-being. It makes me very angry when I realize that certain powerful industries can promote their business profits by getting government agencies to go along with their nefarious practices. Radiation destroys food values. Damn agi-business and the nuclear power industry.

I want to choose my foods. Please use your position to keep zapped food labeled. At least we'll have that government support. Thank you. Sincerely,

Bella Jacobs

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