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Dear FDA

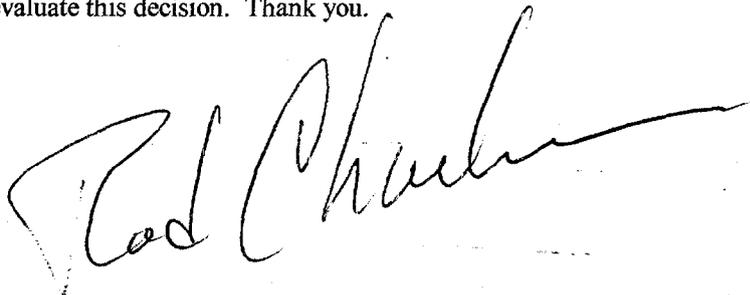
I am writing to object to the use of ionizing radiation on seeds for sprouting. Irradiation has the potential to adversely effect the health of my family. I am disturbed the Food and Drug Administration approved this process, particularly for seeds that sprout, and that they will not be labeled as such.

Specifically, I object because;

- 1) No toxicity studies have been done on the sprouts that grow from irradiated seeds. The research used to approve the irradiation of sprouting seeds was the same flawed research used to approve the irradiation of food directly. It was negligent to approve food irradiation without any research on the long-term effects of its consumption; and it is negligent to assume the effects of irradiation will be the same on sprouting seeds.
- 2) The FDA approved the irradiation of sprouting seeds at a maximum dosage of 8 kiloGrey, though data was submitted on the nutritional changes in sprouting seeds irradiated at 6 kiloGray.
- 3) Sprouts resulting from irradiated seeds will not be labeled. I have the right to know what I am eating and any attempt to circumvent this knowing is unacceptable.

I ask you to re-evaluate this decision. Thank you.

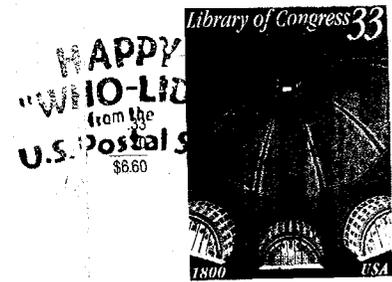
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