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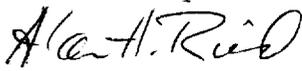
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Dear FDA:

I am writing to object to the use of ionizing radiation on seeds intended for sprouting. Irradiation has the potential to adversely affect the health of my family, friends and neighbors. It is particularly disturbing to know that the Food and Drug Administration approved this process knowing very well that the sprouted seeds will not be labelled as being irradiated.

I ask that you re-evaluate this decision. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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