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Donna Shalala, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Shala,

I am writing to ask you to retain prominent, permanent, and precise labels for foods treated with radiation. Because I believe that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been treated with radiation, I do not want to see the weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated foods.

Posters should be displayed informing the consumer of irradiated food when not packaged. Food can undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. That is why

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the labeling of packaged food which has been irradiated is important! All of these comments reinforce the democratic idea of a consumer's right to know!

Sincerely,

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