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Donna Shalala, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Shalala,

I am concerned about the possible weakening of labeling for irradiated food which is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that I have a right to know whether the food I eat has been irradiated.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. Food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster or tie-on label in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Please support clear, honest labeling for irradiated foods. Sincerely,

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