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Dear Sir or Madam:

Fresh fruits and vegetables are an important part of my diet. When I buy fresh fruit I expect them to have their full nutritional value including all their vitamins and enzymes. Both nuclear and electronic-beam irradiation create free radicals, depletes the vitamins, and damages or kills the enzymes, leaving no point to eating my full days serving of fresh fruits and vegetables. I do not wish to see this happen, as it is well known to be detrimental to a humans health and well being.

I have done extensive research in the arena of how diet affects the body and have learned what all these un-natural things we are doing to our food supply for the sake of "using up or lessening the supply" of these toxins is doing to our population as a whole. We currently have far more people in prison, taking anti-depressant medication, children taking medications for Attention Deficit Disorder, among a host of other issues that have to do with Mexico's children due to their people drinking the polluted waters of that country. It is my belief that these issues all have to do with our un-natural food supply, and the increased handling and processing of all foods; meats, dairy, grain, fruits and vegetables. Pretty soon there is not going to be anything safe to eat and we are all going to starve from lack of nutrients, because our government and big business has nuked, processed, and radiated every ounce of nutrition out of our food supply.

I am currently revamping my recipe box to change my diet over to a plant based one for health, animal and environmental reasons. Papaya's are one of my favorite tropical fruits, but if Hawaiian papayas and other tropical fruits are irradiated, I will have no choice but to boycott all Hawaiian tropical fruits, as I do not want to risk purchasing a dead food that cannot nourish my body in the same way as life giving fresh foods. There are other, healthier ways to eliminate the animals from our food supplies. Again, I emphatically plead to anyone without a deaf ear, do not allow this to happen to our food supply.

Please stop trying to re-invent the wheel on this subject; leave it alone.

Sincerely, a hopefully future customer,



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