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Dear Acting Commissioner Schwetz:

I want irradiated foods to be clearly and conspicuously labeled. "Irradiation" is a commonly understood term that the FDA should not discard for a deceptive substitute.

Please don't change the current sensible label. Informed choice is part of a free-market economy. Some shoppers do not want to buy irradiated foods and some terms that indicate that foods have been irradiated are not clear and should not be used. The FDA should not stand in the way of consumers making choices about the foods they buy. Please don't put confusing new labels on irradiated foods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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