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Dear Secretary Shalala, <sup>4053</sup> as you probably know a poll taken in 1997 shows that 77% of Americans would not buy irradiated food.

Association of Retired Persons and Center for Science in the Public Interest found that 88.6% of Americans want labels to indicate food that has been irradiated. It would be best of course not to irradiate food, but at the very least the public has a right to expect labels on irradiated food.

Sincerely

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