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Dear Ms. Henney,

I recently read an article in The Arizona Republic regarding labeling of irradiated foods.

I have followed for at least ten years the progress of food irradiation, and consider myself moderately well-informed. Based on what I have read, I disagree with plans to go forward with this technology, and will not knowingly consume anything that has been irradiated.

In addition, I deeply resent comments made by Christine Bruhn of UC-Davis, that "They think perhaps it's radioactive." (Quote from the same article in The Arizona Republic). If I were ever to be convinced that this a safe technology, comments like this would make me resist using these items, based on the insult factor alone. These remarks also make me wonder why, if this technology is so safe, we have to resort to tricking people into buying irradiated food.

I also question why the Dept. of Agriculture should be promoting food irradiation, when they should be getting inspectors out to meat-packing plants and other commercial food preparation facilities, instead of allowing "self-inspection." Safe food handling would eliminate the need for irradiation.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Regards,



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