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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing concerning 99F-2673, the change to your food additive regulations ruling that sprouts grown from seeds that have been irradiated need not be labeled as treated by irradiation where the sprouts themselves have not been irradiated.

This is a bad ruling and you should reverse it immediately. The government should protect the right of the public to full disclosure and knowledge of what is in the products they are consuming and how they have been processed, especially in an area as critical to health and well-being as food products. People should be fully informed so that they can uphold their own standards as to the products they will buy and consume. It is not your proper function to decide what others' standards should be, but to require full disclosure on the part of sellers so that purchasers may make fully informed choices.

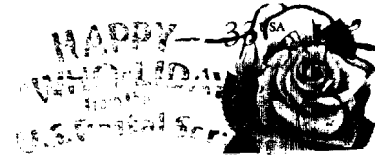
The irradiation industry is always trying to reduce labeling requirements because most people know that irradiation is a destructive process that reduces nutritional value and creates new toxins, and thus contribute to long-term degeneration of the health of the consumer; it will increase all degenerative conditions such as premature aging, cancer and numerous other diseases. The irradiation industry thus criminally seeks to trick and deceive people into buying their products by reducing the labeling requirements. I have heard irradiation promoters, in public debate, say that they would be proud to prominently label irradiated foods as irradiated because that would assure the public of their safety. That's what they say for public relations purposes, but behind the scenes these hypocritical liars work to reduce labeling requirements so that people will buy their products in ignorance of the fact that they've been irradiated. Have some courage, do the right thing for the long-term well-being of your country and don't let them succeed in such fraudulent and deceptive tactics.

Sincerely,
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