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Dear Ms. Shalala:

I am deeply concerned that the Government is allowing the irradiation of our fruits and vegetables. It is bad enough that they are allowing this for meats, but now to destroy the quality and integrity of our fruits and vegetables to benefit corporate giants; and against the wishes of the consumers (1997 CBS News poll indicating 77% of the American public would not buy irradiated food and 1999 poll commissioned by the American Association of Retired Persons and Center for Science in the Public Interest found that 88.6% of Americans want labels at least indicating that food has been irradiated. The latter appears to me to be an impractical procedure when applying this to fruits and vegetables.

John Kelly, Assemblyman in Distyric 36 has introduced two Bills 2583 to ban irradiation of fruits and vegetables and 2338 requiring labeling.

I urge you to support Bill 2583, and influence the FDA to stop allowing any irradiation of our foods.

Sincerely,



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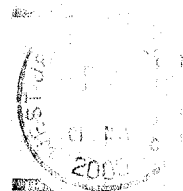
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