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Dear Acting Commissioner Schwetz-

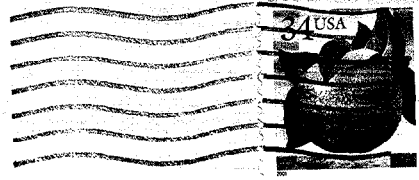
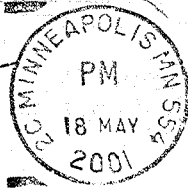
I would like irradiated Foods to be clearly and conspicuously labelled. Irradiation is a commonly understood term that the FDA should not discard. Please don't change the current sensible label "treated with radiation" or "Treated by irradiation". Informed choice is critical in our free market economy - some shoppers want irradiated foods for their lower pathogen risks and others may avoid irradiated foods because of changes in taste, smell or texture, or because of concerns about negative effects from radiation. I have been thrilled with the nutritional information that is now on foods and I hope that you continue helping consumers make fully informed choices. Please do not change irradiation labelling.

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