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PROBLEMS WITH IRRADIATED FOOD IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

To Whom It May Concern,

My friends, associates and I read a posting on the Internet. We feel compelled to write to you. Therefore this may be one of many like letters you might receive. **It is however signed by me as an individual and I hope you will consider it as such.**

** The health effects on children who consume irradiated meat are unknown.

** Irradiating food causes the creation of known toxins and unique chemicals. Research has shown numerous health problems in lab animals that ate irradiated food, including reproductive problems, genetic damage and cancer development.

** Irradiated food in schools need not be labeled, which obstructs parents' right-to-know what their children are eating.

** Irradiation masks filthy and inhumane meat processing, where meat is often contaminated with feces, vomit, pus, and urine.

** Irradiating food depletes essential vitamins and nutrients.

Please give careful consideration to this problem. If there are health risks, which might not show up for years, there's no going back. Damage will have been done. Please do not allow this happen.

Sincerely,

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