PETITION TO _____ DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM ON IRRADIATED FOODS

To the _____ District School Board:

The USDA has decided to purchase irradiated meat for the National School Lunch Program, but has left the decision up to local officials on whether or not to serve irradiated meat in their district. We are alarmed about the purchase of irradiated meat for school lunches because there is little research into the long-term health effects experienced by children who are exposed to the dangerous byproducts of irradiation. Furthermore, current federal regulations do **not** require students or their parents to be informed if meals at school contain irradiated foods.

Irradiation exposes food to ionizing radiation and is intended to kill bacteria, but also depletes vitamins and nutrients. Research dating to the 1950s has revealed a wide range of problems in animals that ate irradiated food, including premature death, a rare form of cancer, stillbirths, genetic damage, organ malfunctions, low weight gain and vitamin deficiencies. Irradiation of food also causes the creation of new chemicals, many of which have not been adequately tested. One byproduct has recently been found to cause genetic damage in human and rat cells and promote cancer growth.

We, the undersigned citizens, petition you to support a moratorium on the use of irradiated foods in the _____ School District until further long-term toxicological tests are completed and labeling laws are strengthened.

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