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To whom it may concern: Submission in regard to the above.

I am actually deeply disturbed by the idea of irradiating fresh foods. I feel that irradiation will “kill” the aliveness of food, affect enzymes, and that the foods will become less nutritious. We have enough problems with our fresh foods being grown in soils that are much reduced in soil biota, which means they are already less nutritious than many decades ago.

I understand the idea is borne of wanting less chemical spraying of foods as they are being grown. But I think radiation is just as bad.

What we really need is a move towards regenerative farming, where the health of the soil is a paramount consideration, and with increased health of soils, comes plants that are more resilient to pest attack and more nutritious, helping maintain the health of our population.

Instead of spending money to implement irradiation, use it to promote information and advice to farmers to switch towards regenerative farming.

regards,

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