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To whom it may concern,

As a healthcare professional and someone actively working in health promotion, I recognise that one of the foundations of good health is access to clean, nutritious dietary choices. As such, I am concerned that the proposed blanket irradiation of all fresh food items has negative health ramifications and am not in support of the proposal.

As this subject is complex and there is evidence showing the dangers of irradiation, there must be an opportunity given for sufficient public scrutiny, which requires a reasonable timeframe within which to do so and respond to this proposal.

Therefore, your decision to bring the consultation date deadline forward is inappropriate and not in the publics' best interests. Indeed, there is insufficient evidence that irradiation does not affect the nutritional content of foods, nor is there sufficient evidence that the process of irradiation is not harmful to human health.

I am thus writing in objection to the above move of deadline and request that you at least reinstate the original April 2021 response date to ensure a fair and informed timeframe from all stakeholders.

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