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Hearing about the new potential policies being passed has led me disappointed for three reasons.

1. I have never heard of irradiation or anything remotely describing it before I heard about this new policy which has been progressed with little announcements. It is one thing to not know about a new policy, but to realise that it has already happened to a percentage of produce is disappointing. You are pushing a policy that people are uneducated about when it leads directly to health decline.
2. I have also read on the possibility that there won't be sufficient labelling on the new produce to explain the significant decrease or whether they are irradiated. You are purposely trying to mislead civilians in their decisions to look after themselves.
3. We as a country are already under eating in fruit and vegetables amounts, and accepting this policy will only increase poor health and effect every aspect of life. Yes irradiation may equal to similar rates of cooked produce, but no one expects to have cooked food when they are labeled as fresh produce especially in fruit and veg. Basic information taught to children will no longer be accurate and therefore our entire nation.

I won't expand hugely on what this policy will do to low economic families and how it will be too expensive to even consider meeting the bare minimum nutriments meant to be consumed through produce, that will no doubt lead to more severe long term health issues. The people most at risk will be effected the hardest.

I do understand the positives as it will allow more time for transport and time in civilians cupboards. But the negatives are too significant to ignore, or even to consider accepting. This is a national health concern and this policy will be a direct factor that determines where there is a decline or progression in health.

For these reasons, I call for you to reject A1193 and remove any previous irradiation approvals.

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