

Dear Congress Member:

All children worldwide deserve equal protection. Why are children in the US allowed to eat at minimum 12 times more man-made radioactive poison in their food than children in Japan? I am writing to demand, in the continuing wake of the ongoing Fukushima nuclear catastrophe, that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) be required to lower the recommended amount of radioactive cesium allowed in our food to 5 Becquerel per kilogram. When the FDA says that food from Fukushima is below regulatory concern and within U.S. regulations, it's because we have the weakest protections for man-made radiation in food virtually anywhere in the world. I also demand that you request widespread testing of the US food supply immediately.

Parents and radiation experts filed a Citizen Petition with the Food and Drug Administration because they learned that cesium 134 and 137 was detected in cow's milk, Pacific Bluefin tuna (fish that migrate from Fukushima waters to California) and more. Instead of responding appropriately, the FDA lifted all food restrictions in 2021. Now that Japan is in a third round of radioactive wastewater discharge, the FDA must FINALLY act to increase food testing and establish safer regulations!

It is our RIGHT TO KNOW how contaminated our food is and our choice whether we eat it.

As of August, Japan has been dumping radioactive wastewater that has been stored on site at Fukushima Daiichi into the Pacific Ocean. Japan and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) settled on the faulty and controversial Advanced Liquid Processing System (ALPS). ALPS has failed at least 8 times to date. Tritium and Carbon-14 are two of at least 62 radionuclides in Fukushima's wastewater. They won't be filtered at all, and the rest are highly questionable. Some have half-lives of thousands of years or longer. The National Academy of Sciences found that there is no safe level of exposure to ionizing radiation.

As members of Congress we are asking that you pass legislation to begin food testing immediately. The US FDA has a recommendation limit twelve times that of Japan at 1200 Bq/kg of cesium. Even with the continuing release of radioactivity into the Pacific, and food testing in other countries, the FDA stated to the press that it still sees no danger from man-made radiation in food even though children are more vulnerable to radiation damage. Food testing is urgently needed. We demand that you take a stand and encourage your fellow congress members to do the same. Please tell the FDA "Do your job!".

Sincerely,