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## Comment

As a starting investigator at a state university with limited resources, and getting more limited by the day, I want to point out the obvious that a ban on Cesium-137 sources would adversely affect the work of many scientists such as myself trying to survive with quickly dwindling funding resources. My work is highly dependent on irradiating cells and animals with the existing and newly purchased Cesium-137 source in the Radiation Oncology department at the Virginia Commonwealth University. Replacing such an expensive piece of equipment would be a burden on the institution and the state. Just like many other scientists I am absolutely convinced that there is no real threat to anybody from such equipment and even these discussions are wasting valuable time and resources that could be used otherwise to help better human health.

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