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Dear Mr. Marks,

I am a regular customer at the Cooperative. I am concerned about the amount of pesticides used and residues that might be present in the food my family and I consume. I want to choose safe and healthy food and want to be reassured that my supermarket is taking measures to provide me with that.

Hence having read Pesticide Action Network's findings on the Cooperative's performance on pesticide issues I am very happy to see that you are taking extensive measures to reduce pesticide use in your supply chains. It has also highlighted for me the extremely important area of pesticide use for cosmetic purposes as an area where you could further your efforts.

I am asking you to

- Reduce the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. I would prefer to eat fruit and vegetables with minor blemishes than them be doused with multiple pesticides.

As your loyal customer I hope that you share my concerns about pesticide use for aesthetic reasons and the issues related to food waste due to appearances. I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Regards,