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Dear (insert name),

**Call to end the current classification system for fruit and vegetables on sale in the UK.**

I am writing to impress on you the importance of the European Parliament in abolishing the current classification system (Commission Regulation (EC) 1234/2007) for fruit and vegetables on sale in the UK, and to allow farmers and food producers to sell all the good-quality fruit and vegetables they grow.

Currently 36 of our most popular fruit and vegetables must conform to strict rules regarding size, shape and colour in order to be sold legally. Vegetables that don't conform to these strict criteria of 'perfection' are needlessly consigned to processing, to animal food or even the bin.

I believe this system needlessly contributes to the amount of food waste Britain produces, given that these 'imperfect' Class II fruit and vegetables taste exactly the same and have the same nutrients as Class I produce.

If this system was abolished and all vegetables, regardless of shape or size, were allowed to be sold, there would be several positive outcomes. One would be an increase in the amount of vegetables eaten instead of wasted, which would lead to a decrease in the levels of greenhouse gases being produced, through decreased levels of food transport and food waste.

In addition, food security, nationally and globally, is becoming an increasingly important political issue. I believe that changing the current legislation and abolishing an outdated existing hierarchal system of grading fruit and vegetables would be an important step towards relieving pressure on the global food supply, now and in the future.

Such change will be good for farmers and producers, good for the environment and good for consumers. And, as a consequence, food prices should come down, making it easier and more cost-effective for everyone to give their family their five-a-day seasonal fruit and vegetables.

As a consumer, I would like to have the choice to be able to buy less cosmetically perfect fruit and vegetables, and to make up my own mind about what I want to buy and how I choose to use it.

I urge you to look at this legislation and to address this issue as a matter of great importance.

Yours sincerely,  
(insert your name and surname)