Dear [Store Manager],

I am a regular and loyal customer of yours.

Firstly, I would like to thank you and your staff for all of the hard work that you have been doing to

keep shelves stocked and people working during this pandemic. However, as a customer I would like to urge you to do more when it comes to the amount of poor quality plastic packaging I am seeing on your shelves and wrapped around your fresh fruit and vegetables.

These plastics are ending up in the incinerator or buried in the ground, leaking into our waterways,

rivers and seas. There is a better way. Irish supermarkets produce approximately 80,000 tonnes of plastic a year**. Ireland** **is one of the largest per capita users of plastics in the European Union** and much of it starts out in supermarkets. I see that some attempts have been made, but it is not enough. What is the point in bringing our ‘reusable shopping bags’ home **full of plastic**?

As a regular customer of yours I am asking you to please:

Price loose fruit and veg items **MORE** competitively than packaged items

Allow us to use our **own containers**

Bring in **Refill options**

**Eliminate plastic bags** for loose products and bread (replace with paper)

I am calling on you via Ireland’s **Sick Of Plastic (SoP)** Campaign to please reduce plastic pollution. I

am joining the S.O.P campaign in asking our elected representatives to create legislation that brings in refill targets for all supermarkets so that we can have access to refill options and reduce the eradicate packaging where it is not necessary.

I hope you will join me in this endeavour.

Kind Regards,

[Your name]