Address to Grocery Store Manager,

Thank you for providing me with healthy food options all year around. It’s something I appreciate, and it’s why I continue to shop at your store.

That said, I am extremely unsatisfied with how difficult it is to find groceries at your store that aren’t wrapped in copious amounts of plastic. It’s frustrating to feel like I’m choosing between healthy food and wasteful habits.

I want to ensure you’re aware of a few things:

* Plastic is made from petroleum products. Amidst this climate crisis, it’s extremely crucial we reduce our reliance on resource extraction.
* Plastic never fully goes away. Rather, it breaks down into micro-plastics which litter our soil, water, and our bodies.
* 40% of all plastic produced is single-use plastic which is used for a short period of time and then thrown away. Much of that is unnecessary waste that could be replaced with reusable alternatives.

Grocery stores play a huge role in this single-use plastic waste. They’re responsible for much of the plastic that’s often thrown away shortly after customers bring their products home.

My request to you today - *For the sake of environmental health and for the sake of human health, please start working harder to reduce plastic waste in your store.*

A few things that I believe would help reduce plastic waste at your store include:

* Charging for single-use plastic grocery bags, or choosing to eliminate bags from your store altogether.
* Selling unwrapped produce. You already know that supply and demand is real. If you refuse to order products wrapped in so much plastic, suppliers will start listening.
* Selling reusable products such as produce bags, sandwich bags, beeswax wrap, and straws.
* Offering dry ingredients for sale in a bulk section. Along with this, it’s important for grocery stores to allow customers to tare their own containers (either at the checkout before filling their containers or directly in the bulk section) prior to filling them to ensure they are not paying for the added weight of the container.

If you have further questions about reducing plastic waste at your grocery store, or want to know more about why it’s important, I encourage you to check out the 2018 CBC Marketplace Documentary “[Why buying plastic free groceries is so hard](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5Qbi_dB3Qo)” or visit [greenactioncentre.ca/plasticfreemb](http://greenactioncentre.ca/plasticfreemb).

Thank you,