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Dear Mr. Fusaro:

I write to express my support for the AMS/USDA 5% shatter allowance proposal for table grapes in consumer containers only. This proposal clearly moves standardization closer to a position that is reflective of the current standard without making changes to the present regulation at the point of shipment.

Given the industry wide effort to move the current regulation into a parallel position reflective of current practice, I believe the proposal would reflect the change in our consumer packing practices. At the point of packaging for consumer end use, container characteristics allow for the highest level of product utilization.

A reflective standard will give the product a more complete representation benefiting our end-user. It is imperative this change is swiftly enacted.

I thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Nick Bozick