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Dear Mr. Fusaro:

As a member of the California Grape & Tree Fruit League I write to support the adoption of the 5 percent shatter allowance for loose berries in bags and clamshells. Fresh table grape integrity is predicated on reflective grading and it is my belief that fresh berries, whole and sound, maintain quality equal to berries remaining attached.

In addition, I believe it is important to operate under a standard reflective of today's practices. Without such change, standardization will continue to fail to recognize high quality fresh table grapes that are highly marketable.

I reiterate my support for the current proposal and thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Jim Simonian