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Mr. Craig Jelenik, CEO  
Costco  
999 Lake Drive  
Issaquah WA 98027

Dear Mr. Jelenik,

I am a long-time Costco member. I have found a good number of quality items at a good price but as an ardent environmentalist I am finding, more and more, that I am not willing to purchase many items at Costco because of the ridiculous packaging, both hard plastics & wraps. Costco is moving backwards; many canned goods were previously batched in light cardboard (I compost those!) now are plastic wrapped. I do not buy any of your yummy cookies in those plastic tubs. Many snacks are in a dual plastic/metallic wrap that is not recyclable. As consumers, we are left holding the bag as waste disposal becomes our most expensive utility without our agreement.

*I am enclosing all the wraps and packages that have passed through my household in the past 4 months which I can no longer easily take anywhere to recycle without annoying Customer Service staff. They and you and the whole world now knows that since China stopped taking our plastics 10 years ago that most plastics end up in landfill.*

I find it unconscionable that a food product that will be consumed within one week will be packaged in a plastic that takes 600 years to disintegrate. While the Pacific Northwest may be quite good about recycling plastics, that is not the case throughout most of the nation. Moreover, the energy to recycle plastics is quite egregious.

*I am also an individual stock investor who has several times considered buying your stock but each time I decide not to because of the packaging concerns. My investment club, and many many other clubs and individual investors, make similar decisions.*

I *manage/belong to* a Facebook group, Zero Plastic Waste NOW! that is addressing the landfill and plastic morass issues one company at a time. Companies offering many organic & sustainable products, such as yours, should be leading the way when it comes to packaging.

I ask you to take a closer look at your packaging and purchasing policies and the long term effect on your customers and yes, you and your children. I'm willing to pay a little more for an environmentally friendly product made with fair wages; I also teach my children well – they can be your future customers if you take the next step.

Sustainably Yours,

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Zero Plastic Waste NOW! Coalition  
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