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Brussels,

Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I would like to thank you for the open letter of the Consumer Choice Center offering your views on the reduction of the use of pesticides and fertilisers as part of the EU's upcoming Farm to Fork Strategy.

I have read with interest your recommendations concerning the benefits of genetic modification of crops as a means to reduce the use of plant protection products and fertilisers. I have also taken note that you consider a need to adapt the EU GMO legislation on the grounds of potential gains and benefits for the consumers.

The Commission has published recently the Communication on the European Green Deal. This document lays down how the Commission intends to pave the way for new ambitious policies and comprehensive measures, ensuring an adequate response to the climate and biodiversity crises.

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For your information, based on Article 241 TFEU, the Council has requested the Commission to submit a study regarding the status of “novel genomic techniques” under Union law in light of the Court of Justice’s judgment on mutagenesis in Case C-528/16.

For the elaboration of the study, the Commission will gather contributions in a targeted consultation of the Member States and the relevant EU-level stakeholders. The list of consulted stakeholder organisations will be soon available on the Commission website.

For this process, we are keen to be as inclusive as possible and give you the opportunity to contribute. As such, we would encourage you to consult the above list, contact the EU-level stakeholder organisation that best represents your interest, and participate via them in the consultation process.

Yours sincerely,

