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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agricultural Marketing Service Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Fresh Products Branch, Standardization Section
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Room 1661 South Building - Stop 0240
Washington, DC 20250-0240

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The California Grape & Tree Fruit League was advised by the industry's table grape producers, and based on the initial recommendation made by the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, to review the current US Standards for Grades of Table Grapes. As a table grape producer and a member of the California Grape & Tree Fruit League, I support the petition to include a fixed percentage of shatter to facilitate a more consistent regulation with current industry practices.

The evolution of different shipping containers in recent years, such as bags and clamshells, has resulted in significantly less shrinkage and more saleable product to consumers. This amendment would only apply to inspections receiving point, and will not create additional allowance from the point of shipping, thus maintaining the regulations for defects.

I am write to support the petition filed by the California Grape & Tree Fruit League (CGTFL) to amend the current U.S. Standard for Grades of Table Grapes.

Sincerely,

Nick Bozick
President
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