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Dear Cat,

Thank you for your letter of 22 November to the Secretary of State, on behalf of the Petitions Committee, about e-petition [643216](#), entitled: 'Reform the Grocery Supply Code of Practice to better protect farmers'. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

A response to the e-petition was issued on 27 November.

In recent months, Defra has been responding to a large volume of e-petitions, and correspondence. The Department continues to review its processes and endeavours to provide on-time responses to e-petitions in the future.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP