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Dear Members of the European Commission,

I have been an organic farmer since 2019, but I am above all consumers and citizens. Before being a farmer, I was an engineer in materials. I think I have a detailed and holistic view of the farming world.

This has been demonstrated, in particular by the FAO, that organic farming can feed the world. It is also the most respectful of biodiversity and environments, water. It is the least CO2 emitter (in particular because it does not use synthetic fertilisers that lead to the release of large quantities of greenhouse gases) and is therefore the most climate-friendly. It is therefore the only one able to respond to the challenges of living and the climate challenge. It also creates jobs and thus development, or at least maintains life and services in our rural areas.

It is difficult to impose the choice of organic farming method on all farmers. On the other hand, it is possible to encourage them to be more virtuous. With the abolition of aid for organic maintenance under the new CAP and in view of the context of increasing conventional cereal prices, the conversion of new farms to organic farming is seriously jeopardised. Worse, organic cereal farms could go back to conventional farming! There is a real risk of backsliding.

Tackling water and soil pollution, global warming, is not just the role of farmers. Citizens and communities also feel responsible and want to act. That is why I would like to ask the European Commission to amend the regulatory framework allowing public authorities to support organic farming outside CAP aid, by including aid for maintaining organic farming in the list of aid exempted from prior notification and validation by the European Commission.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.