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Customer Service
Landmark Theatres
2222 South Barrington Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90064

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you as a frequent visitor to the Landmark movie theater at Glendale shopping center in Indianapolis. On New Year's Day, my husband and I attended your theater to see two movies back-to-back, which we enjoyed very much at the discount morning/matinee price. Because we were there for several hours, we needed to buy lunch.

I was pleased to see that your brown paper popcorn bags are 100 percent biodegradable. This choice in materials shows your commitment to the sustainability of our planet, and I thank you for offering these bags in the Indianapolis market.

I was, however, disappointed to find that your hot dogs were served in plastic clamshell containers, and the condiments were dispersed in single-use plastic packets. Also, the straws you offer are plastic, and you still sell water in plastic bottles.

Plastic is a finite resource made from petroleum. It contains many chemicals, and these chemicals and the resulting plastic waste have taken a huge toll on our environment. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is one of several plastic-soup gyres that are overtaking our oceans and contributing to the formation of a geologic epoch currently under consideration by world scientific authorities known as the Anthropocene. Indeed, this plastic has been found embedded in arctic ice, and microplastics have been observed in the guts of animals, and in humans.

I am hoping, since Landmark has demonstrated a commitment to the environment, that you will take further steps toward sustainability and eliminate plastic from your concessions, including:

1. Switching from plastic to paper straws. A Fort Wayne, Indiana company called [Aardvark Straws](#) manufactures paper straws;
2. letting customers decide whether to put lids on their drinks, or, finding a sustainable lid option;
3. serving water in paper cups instead of in plastic bottles;
4. serving hot dogs in paper containers; and
5. serving condiments in shareable bottles rather than in single-serve plastic packets.

These changes would keep a significant amount of plastic out of the waste stream and the geologic record and would further enhance Landmark's reputation as a responsible corporate citizen, something your company could be rightly and publicly proud of achieving.

Thank you for your time and attention. I will follow up with you to find out whether these suggestions are being considered.

Respectfully,

Kelly Jones Sharp