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Dear Larry Ponzi of Café Pizzaiolo,

Food insecurity is one of the largest issues facing our communities today. Many go without food and even more go without access to healthy, fresh options. Contrastingly, food waste is astronomical in our country. Companies looking to keep their products from becoming undervalued, throw out gallons and gallons of food scraps and perfectly edible food products. This creates massive waste. We produce more than enough food to make sure no one in this country goes hungry and yet so many do.

Your restaurant is, at the present moment, not committed to donating excess food or funds to charities that help fight food insecurity. Your restaurant must throw out gallons of waste everyday which can be composted or put to good use. Why not turn these extra pieces of wasteful food into something positive for the environment and other people?

There are many great charities you can look to partner with. In our own town of Alexandria, ALIVE provides nutritious meals and foods by partnering with food pantries, meal kitchens and public schools. The Arlington Food Assistance Center and the Capital Area Food Bank do similar work.

So please, for the health of our community please donate to help fight food insecurity.

Sincerely,  
Abigail Gerstein

