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ALDI Customers,

In celebration of Earth Month, I am proud to announce today that ALDI will become the first major U.S. retailer to commit to eliminating all plastic shopping bags from stores. We have already removed plastic bags from nearly 500 stores with the goal to phase them out from all 2,200 locations by the end of 2023. We are thrilled to make this monumental pledge in support of our planet which will remove 4,400 tons of plastic from circulation each year.

You might have heard that last year, ALDI was named the most sustainable grocery store in America.* We're proud of this recognition and to be leading the way, pushing the industry forward on sustainability practices. Being a leader means we don't just throw out lofty goals without holding ourselves accountable. Today's plastic bag announcement is just one piece of a much larger Corporate Responsibility update we're proud to have prepared for you, our loyal fans.

In March 2021, we announced a set of ambitious, science-based goals to support our planet's resources and the people who depend on them. Together with support from customers like you and our employees, we've made significant strides towards meeting our goals.

[Click here to view our full Progress Report.](#) Short on time? Check out the highlights below.

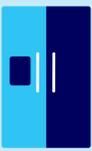
In the past year, ALDI has:



Significantly reduced our use of plastic and increased the recyclability of our packaging so that more than 62% of ALDI-exclusive packaging is now reusable, recyclable or compostable.



Installed rooftop solar panels on additional ALDI buildings bringing our total to over 120 stores and 12 distribution centers producing and consuming green electricity from solar power.



Earned more EPA GreenChill store certifications than all grocery retailers in the nation combined for the second year in a row! For many years, we've been recognized by the EPA for our industry leadership in making refrigeration more sustainable. This includes transitioning to natural refrigerants with near-zero global warming potential preventing harmful greenhouse gases from being emitted into the atmosphere.



Diverted 74% of operational waste companywide that would otherwise go to landfills through increased donations, recycling programs and composting pilots.



Donated over 33 million pounds of food through our partnership with Feeding America.

While it is incredible to look back on what we have accomplished in 12 months, what excites me most is our ability to go even further together to ensure that as our business grows, our environmental footprint doesn't grow with us. We are committed to learning and adapting to be the best corporate citizen we can be while also providing you with the value you expect from ALDI.

On behalf of everyone at ALDI, thank you for supporting our positive impact on the planet. I can't wait to see what we do together in the next year.

— Jason Hart, CEO, ALDI

*In 2021, Brightly.eco named ALDI the most sustainable in a ranking of America's largest grocery chains.