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Greetings

I am so glad to hear that you are open to comments in regards to how WE the People view our food sources. Watching Monsanto bombard any small organic farm to INVADE their organic crops with GMO is absolutely horrific. Even here in NM - Hatch, which is known for its green chile has been bought by Monsanto. Thus I will NEVER eat Hatch green chiles again, nor consume or buy anything that is made with a Monsanto hybrid. There is far too much info out there that implies our food source has been defiled by these GMO infiltrations and how they affect OUR strands of DNA - it is an outrage! However, this is only one industry. I am always so confounded by how high fructose corn syrup has entered into EVERY kind of food - no wonder our population is suffering from diabetes and obesity. All of these are health concerns which affect our economy as it affects our healthcare system which as of now is still run by FOR PROFIT corporations - another hypocrisy for another rant.

It is also apparent that PROFITS have become far more important even to the FDA then food safety - our meat industry is absolutely disgusting - and this is the subsidized aspect of the corn industry - and why vegetables are more expensive than these toxic meats which can have perhaps 100s of DIFFERENT sources within one pack of 1lb mince meat. How can that be safe? We worry about these flus - yet salmonella is far more dangerous!

Not only our our animals tortured, but also the workers in these plants are subjected to horrific work conditions. Chickens whom are mutated to increase white meat at the expense of having legs... or are so caged so as not to move - this is barbaric!

I support my local farmer's market so that my food is local and has not used alot of fossil fuels to get to my table. I ONLY eat organic meat and dairy - or at least hormone free - that is something else - the hormones used in our foods which affect our children as they are growing up would be illegal in Europe. How do corporations get away with NOT telling the public what exactly in OUR food that we BUY. It is truly another aspect of how backwards our supposed first world nation is... when the LOBBYISTS write our laws.

So - YES - I am passionate about how WE the People are being abused by Corporate entities whose profits and shareholders are more important then OUR commons and OUR well-being!

I do hope you will address these issues from a side of facts and info and NOT what the lobbyists will want you to know.

Thanks Blair Grey

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