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To Whom It May Concern at the U.S. Department of Justice:

Growing up in the Midwestern farm belt in the 1950s, I was surrounded by family farms. Six decades later, I am still in touch with a few of the families I knew growing up, but most are gone. Family farms are gone. Real food is gone. Nutrition is gone. Our soil is gone. (Half of it has been deposited as run-off at the bottom of the Mississippi Delta, creating one of the largest Dead Zones in the world. The remaining half is dead, drained of all nutrients and devoid of life, a mere "sponge" for Monsanto's fertilizers and pesticides.)

Today we have corpriculture, synthetic and genetically modified frankenfood, and the most obese and diseased population in the "developed" world.

We are also running out of fossil fuels, the basis for the travesty the corporations termed the "green revolution" (green only because it made them rich. Feeding more people junk food and addicting the world to HFCS is hardly a revolution. The world has experienced serfdom many, many times before.)

Our current fossil fuels crisis brings Opportunity. Permaculture and forest gardens can grow many times the amount of food in the same space. Actually, the increase is more than tenfold, when the actualy nutritional value of the food produced is taken into account. "All" we have to do is to replace our dead soil with living earth through practices already pioneered by people like Joel Salatin, Martin Crawford, and Bill Mollison and many, many others.

The crisis is extremely real. The answers are all readily available. The question is: Can Justice actually be done?

Can corporate greed be stopped in time to save the lives of American citizens?

That is the question you face.

The rest of us are already doing something about it.

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