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**Subject:** I am concerned about my food

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Dear Department of Justice,

I am concerned about where my food comes from. I am a student in college, and I have been helping out and working on organic farms for the past year and a half and I have become increasingly more concerned about the food my neighbors and peers consume. I want to see a nation where small, local farmers receive subsidies from the government to grow a large variety of organic produce that can ultimately feed more people and lead us on a path toward a more sustainable future. Monoculture is an evil practice that simply requires more labor, and produces far too much of one crop (i.e. corn). I want to see more farmers markets, and especially more animal husbandry and support for small local business that sell food. The time is drawing nigh, and we must invoke a new system for feeding our nation or we will face the consequences. I do not want to walk into a grocery store and see something that is grown in Honduras, and even California. Government support of small local agriculture and livestock is what needs to happen for our nation.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Dunn