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Hello,

I am a student with concerns about my diet and the food I buy from my local grocery store. Recently, issues concerning the corporate power controlling America's food industry have been brought to my attention via many different mediums.

I am concerned that produce prices have been rising in the supermarkets, due to the current recession and to the fact that the market is controlled by a handful of corporate businesses. I live in the Midwest, and I know that farmers these days are struggling to stay afloat in the heavily competitive market, and that many of them are controlled by these same corporate powers. Crop and species variation is dwindling by the day, because of the growing standards for identical products. I worry about the welfare of those producing our foods, as well as those eating them, and I would like more comfort knowing that there is more freedom and variation in the food market.

Thank you for allowing the public to speak of our concerns for the national food market,  
Jessica Garrett