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Hello,

I am a mother of 4 daughters and have been working hard over these last 10 years to teach my daughters a healthy way of life. It becomes hard though when the choices for our food are limited to overpriced organics or "fake food" as we call the Monsanto varieties.

It is very important to many in this country and around the world how we are all connected and part of this involves food. As indigenous Americans I would urge you to base your system upon ours, there are numerous tribes for you to choose from, each with the same value system that would benefit America and through us, the world.

With the economy still being a bit hard and the wars going on, food prices, especially in Alaska, are very high, too high to be able to maintain a balanced diet for a family. It is important that you see how the 'big corporations care for profit instead of the people and environment of this country and how it is up to you to put them back into their places!

It seems that it was a non-stop wave of food scares with a constant reminder of how the big corporations do not care about the citizens of this country nor our environment (which we all live in so should be on our minds!). It is important that I feel able to run to the store and buy dinner for my family without worrying that it is contaminated and my family might become sick and die from it.

Small businesses help ensure diversity and are an important part of our economy as well as for environmentally important. It is important that we do not allow the big companies to drive all the competition out of business since everything they do proves that they do not care about the citizens or the environment that the citizens live in and only bad can from letting them be the only choice around!

There are so many points to bring up but hopefully it is enough to state that I am a decent citizen of this country, an indigenous American raised with true values and am glad for the chance to explain the importance of not allowing big corporations to control the food supply in any way.

thank you,

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First Fig ...Edna St Vincent Mallay

My candle burns at both ends;
 It will not last the night;
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends--
 It gives a lovely light!