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Subject: Agriculture & Anti-Trust Enforcement Issues

Dear DOJ,

I am currently a co-manager of an organic farm. My background is in psychology and education as well as agriculture. As I have followed over the years the terrible inroads being made on our food production methods (industrialized, mechanized), poor nutrition causing most illnesses of our time, mistreatment of animals on factory farms, and all the rest, I became just as interested in the alleviation of these problems.

In particular the small and medium sized farms are in the greatest danger. Support should go to these people who are trying to respond to well informed customers who desire the healthiest food because they want their children to live long and healthy lives.

For years we have heard about the possibilities of Monsanto and other toxic chemical manufacturers and gene manipulating companies headed in the direction of controlling seeds, their sale, and use, etc. It is becoming ever more evident that the effects of such a strategy are extremely unhealthy for the earth and the human race. Prices are rising while food quality is degrading, and morale is low. Hope and courage, however, still abound.

For corporations to control the production of food abrogates the free will of the people: Farmers who are conscientious in growing healthy animals and plants need your support. They need to be able to buy seeds and animals that have not been gene manipulated if they so choose.

Consumers who already support health conscious farmers believe:

- Life comes from life (biogenesis), not dead chemical fertilizers, synthetic hormones, etc.;
 - Nutrition means food must contain life forces produced by the earth's God given elements: clean humus rich earth, clean air, warmth from the sun, and clean water;
 - Animals and crops cannot be factory farmed but should be raised as our forebears did:
 - Using organic matter (preferably compost) to replenish the soils;
 - Animals graze on healthy plants (cows who eat grain are stressed) in the open air;
 - Water used for drinking and irrigation is not polluted with chemicals;
 - Toxic pesticides are not used to kill in the mistaken belief that this is more efficient and effective. They create instead an environment where beneficial plants and insects and bees die needlessly, crop yields are negatively affected, and people become ill.

The earth, air, and water are dying. These catastrophes are well known and have been perpetrated on everyone for profit by growing monopolies, not for the good of the earth or its people.

Please please do everything in your power to support freedom of the people, the farmers to grow healthy animals and plants, the consumers to choose their food sources.

Sincerely,
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