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Subject: Comments Regarding Agriculture and Antitrust Enforcement Issues in Our 21st Century Economy

My name is Hannah Hickman and I am a gardener who is concerned about the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agriculture sector.

- I've noticed prices rising at the supermarket and don't feel like I can do anything about it (a lot of big food companies have made record profits this year -- even as consumers are paying more for food.);
- I am concerned about your family's safety (outbreak and spread of bacteria like E. coli happens much faster when meat and vegetables are processed in big centralized locations.);
- Local farms are going out of business (many small farmers can't compete with prices set by industrial farms and consolidated buyers).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

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