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Dear Dept. of Justice and Agriculture Representatives,

The practice of Agri-farming of livestock is extremely cruel to the animals who are living beings deserving of the ocean of life bestowed by the Creator. Besides which, these animals are too often full of disease, from the filth and pitiful conditions under which they must live. The hormones and antibiotics that are prevalent in their bodies are also passed on to humans.

And, since meat-eaters are more likely to succumb to disease as compared to their vegetarian counterparts, it is time to take a closer look at how to improve the way we feed the people of the world.

Animal agri-business is subsidized by the government, a practice that requires reevaluation. Given the information from the UN's IPCC Reports and others, meat consumption is hazardous to our health and the environment, and therefore subsidies should be advanced instead to organic plant-based food production.

Many of the farmers who previously raised animals for meat production should then switch their focus and invest in plant-based food production not only for the compassionate response to animals who cannot vocally express themselves, but to save money, feed the hungry, save on medical expenses, and save our planet from the poisons of methane gases.

\*More and more local farmers are coming into the market place, to offer their products. Let's help them do more of this!  
\*Low income areas need the same availability to quality foods which at present are not available in their neighborhoods. Local farmers can help!  
\*Even in more wealthy communities, consumers have little choice as they are forced to purchase the quality that the food stores find most economical. Local farmers offer more choice! And with more incentives, they will offer even more choices!

Immunizations and other preventive measures would not be so pressing, frightening and needed, if we solved our biggest bacteria and virus issues where they originate--in factory farming facilities.

If we continue to allow our legislative branch to be bribed and manipulated by corporate lobbyists/interests then it means we subscribe to a conflict of interests which our law makers practice daily. Do these practices break our laws, or skirt them for the sake of corporate or individual interests?

We must remind our legislative/judicial representatives who often serve corporate interests, to serve the people of the USA. We the people are at the mercy of our legislative/judicial representatives, their habits, personal interests and their political aspirations. Practices, so far away from what the founding fathers of the Constitution prescribed.

Openly, our government supports special interests and openly lets the consumer beware. It is time for change. Our food is being controlled by the few for the benefit of the few, from seed to the table and the Dept. of Justice can help to change the direction of these abuses.

Please be courageous, noble and steadfast in this new opportunity to bring change for the people of the USA. The meat industry must evolve into an eco-friendly food industry that supports the people and the Earth

We are a country of people who are unhealthy, overweight, unemployed, diseased, and dismayed with limited natural resources as a result of our meat industry. It is time to change directions. It's for the good of everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

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