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I am a consumer who is alarmed by our food sources. and their seemingly lack of regulation.

I am concerned that the consolidation of our food sources to a few had lead to uneven power in our food choices.

I've noticed that prices rising at the supermarket and don't feel like I can do anything about it as everywhere there is just one source. I try to use local farm sources, but these are getting fewer and fewer, because they are being driven out of business by these large conglomerates.

Also, I am concerned about the my safety (outbreak and spread of bacteria like E. coli happens much faster when meat and vegetables are processed in big centralized locations. Also, these large conglomerates get their food from other countries now, who have different regulations on their food sources. We are losing control of the origin of the food!

Thank you for letting me send you my comments.