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Hello,

I have read extensive books and articles regarding corporations' involvement and manipulation of the food industry in this country and worldwide. It often sounds like a sci fi writer fantasy, except it's the factual and documented reality of America today and it's prospect is frightening. I fear that without government control, the quality and availability of food in this great nation will suffer as our economic stability has tanked recently due to risky corporate business practices. If you haven't done so already, please read or watch the documentary on Michael Pollan's Botany of Desire.

<http://www.pbs.org/thebotanyofdesire/>

I know your time is limited, but chapter four of this book will illustrate how the food Americans eat is being altered and marketed for financial gain and to monopolize control of the agriculture industry. Local farmers are bullied by corporations via legal means and uglier methods. The quality and nature of food is being tampered with in irresponsible and unhealthy ways. Please assure that Americans and the food they eat are protected from neglectful, uncaring corporations that are only concerned about making money. Our future as a nation depends on it!

regards, Helen Keegan

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