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in Our 21st Century Economy

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I am a 64-year-old retired school teacher and principal. I am also a wife, parent, and a grandparent.

Since being retired I have lived in three states, now residing in Washington. I have had more time to read in-depth articles about our food supply, as well as watching documentaries, such as *Food, Inc.* I am appalled at the slack oversight of our food supply, as big companies have taken over this food supply.

We have moved so far from providing our own food to our own family in the last generation. I always considered that a nice thing. It allowed me to be a wife and mother, while working full-time in education. I shopped and cooked for my family, in a minimum amount of time. As big corporations have taken over more and more of the load of providing food to our population, the value placed on profit over safety, shocks me.

We CANNOT depend on these big corporations to provide their own oversight. PLEASE address this safety issue, so my daughter-in-laws can feed their families without worrying about how they are being slowly damaged by chemicals, bacteria, or spoilage.

Thank you for accepting my comments.

Sincerely,

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