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I'm writing to voice my very strong opposition to the corporate concentration of factory farms, which are disastrous to the health and well being of farm animals, workers, neighbors, consumers, the public, and the environment.

The livestock industry uses the majority of the nation's antibiotics and is a breeding ground for pandemics like swine flu and drug-resistant diseases, including MRSA.

The livestock industry is fouling the nation's waterways and air, while depleting our precious aquifers and topsoil.

The livestock industry is the #1 cause of greenhouse gases leading to global warming (see 51percent.org).

Corporate concentration and factory farms makes all of this worse.

We need to enforce our anti-trust laws and break up these monopolistic conditions, which only benefit the few large corporations at the expense of everyone and everything else.

Let's make America healthier and safer for people and animals, not for mega-corporations.

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