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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent of two young adults. I am a non profit management consultant and community leader. I am gravely concerned about the direction that food production has taken in my lifetime. I grew up in a farming community that prided itself on feeding itself and I have become determined that my neighbors here in the city of Chicago should have the same health giving experience.

I am committed to starting a farmers market in my neighborhood on the north side of Chicago. The goal of our farmers market is to provide our community the possibility of procuring fresh, locally grown, organic, sustainably produced food. Sadly, these foods are not available at our local grocery stores although I will never understand why not.

I am increasingly concerned at the lack of concern being paid to corporate control of the food supply of the United States of America. I am certain that a wide spread food borne illness will strike again at any time due to the largely unsustainable and dangerous production practices of large food producing conglomerates. I am even more concerned that the profit structure of these large corporations are coupled with well-financed lobbyists working to directly undermine the health and well being of U. S. citizens.

On top of it all, the cost of food at the grocery store is a sin. The prices just keep going up and the food becomes less and less nutritive. PLEASE stop these unhealthy food production patterns and help the citizens of this country regain their health and well being through consuming locally produced health giving foods.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. I look forward to following the hearings process throughout the next year.

Sincerely,

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