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Subject: Big Business and the USDA child nutrition programs
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Dear Department of Justice,

I am a practicing physician, public health graduate and mother to a beautiful 4 year old son. Over the last few years I have studied the USDA food programs, focusing on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (since it affects my son's food in child care) and the National School Lunch Program. I have been alarmed by the connections I see between Agribusiness lobbyists, revolving doors in the USDA, and subsequent heavy subsidies to the meat and dairy industries. These unhealthy foods then end up on the plates of *millions* of children every day, usually in direct contrast to the (albeit imperfect) Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005.

As a physician treating patients who are overweight and obese, and their associated chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol, I am appalled that our children's school food is largely overrun by industry produced unhealthy foods. I do not want my son to end up as one of the millions of children harmed by this unjust system.

Please see the attached power point and paper I did last winter for a Public Health Social Justice class while completing my Masters in Public Health. Addressing this concern during your upcoming workshops would be appropriate. There appear to many conflicts of interest within the USDA when it comes to ensuring healthy nutrition for our children, the nation's future.

Sincerely,

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