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Legal Policy Section  
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Dear Legal Policy Section team,

I am writing with regard to your fact-finding mission to look at how big business controls food and farming. I live in southeast Iowa, in a largely rural area, and I have been active in "Buy Fresh, Buy Local" activities, sustainable living and sustainable agriculture initiatives in my local area for many years.

I have seen firsthand over the past 25 years here in southeast Iowa what has happened because of vertical integration, monopolization and other syndromes that have accompanied the increasing control by a small number of very large corporations over our food supply.

Ken Meter of Crossroads Resource Center has studied the impact of industrialization and corporate control of agriculture at great length and depth. Please visit the Crossroads Resource Center Website ([www.crcworks.org](http://www.crcworks.org)) and give Ken's work and his recommendations your undivided attention.

Pay special attention to Ken's Rural Studies section. There you will see what has happened when large, outside-the-community corporations come in and take over. End result: lots of resources and wealth are extracted from the land and local communities, said wealth ending up in the pockets of the corporations and their shareholders at the expense of the communities, their residents, and the environment. What's worse is, this whole cycle has seriously degraded the quality of our food supply.

Ken also has excellent recommendations for remedying the problems caused by industrialization and corporate control of agriculture.

Please do your share in this matter, and vigorously enforce any and all anti-trust and other laws that will protect America's rural communities and keep our precious agricultural lands productive and fertile for current and future generations.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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