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Subject: Current food crisis

To whom it may concern,

I will try to be brief about a topic of which I have become most passionate - our food sources and production within the United States. I am concerned and alarmed at some of the information I have come to know; especially after having viewed the most important documentary, "FOOD INC." For me, there exists moral, ethical, environmental/ecological concerns about this very important topic. I have become untrusting of what the system is supposed to be doing in the way of our food. I can barely stand a trip to the grocery store and try to avoid it at all costs. It is the site, smell and false appearance of the so-called food choices in a multitude of diversity and abundance of everything at all times/seasons that disgusts me. I was a working member of a CSA this past season and plan to do the same for next. As well, will try to cultivate, even with limited knowledge and uncertain growing circumstances, as much food that I can try to grow to be as self sustaining as possible. I reside in a rich agricultural part of the country and support as many small scale local family farms as I can find to fill my food desires and needs. However, collectively, we need to be supporting farmers who wish to foster biodiversity with the crops they grow. The monocropping of corn and soybeans and the funds to support those that grow it are to me a big joke. Do we not realize that we are putting our health and existence at risk with such few agricultural products that are grown for these mega corporations? Especially when much of it gets turned into cheap processed "food". There is a line in a song - "Where have all the cowboys gone?" Let us hope not to hear/read "Where have all the farms/farmers/real food/biodiversity gone"? For me, I will try to do my small part and can only hope people will continue to get the message to make these necessary and important changes for our very existence and health. Thank you.