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Subject: My Experience With Corporate Agriculture

Good Evening

I was given this address in regards to a Department of Justice fact finding mission into corporate agriculture's negative effects on community and health.

I am deeply disturbed that small farms do not receive many of the subsidies as big farms - and that corporate farms continue to receive subsidies when they are clearly making plenty of money.

I would like to see stricter regulations on growing organic food. As large corporations such as wal mart enter the organic industry, they have effectively dilluted the regulations through lobbying congress, the USDA, FDA, and EPA. We as United States Citizens expect the regulatory agencies to protect us against materials harmful to short term as well as long term health.

I would be happy to meet and talk about my concerns and wishes for the U.S. food system. I am currently growing as much food as I can through supporting my local food and agricultural supply cooperative stores.

Thank you for hearing my voice,

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