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To the U.S. Department of Justice:

I am a long time supporter of farmers that grow certified organic food. I also have my own organic garden. This food is the best foundation for good health. Organic gardeners are my doctors.

I am disgusted that the U.S. would aid corporate ag companies. They poison our natural resources as well as those who eat the food. Their CO2 footprint is huge. Many grow food in municipal and industrial waste, called "biosolids," which are loaded with bad bacteria, viruses, prions, heavy metals, doxins, pesticides, pharmaceuticals and toxins from person products, most of which cannot be treated or eliminated, even in tertiary waste water treatment plants. Their food and farming practices escalate human health problems, which curtail lives, and which escalate insurance needs.

When all the soil is ruined by them, it will take many years to rebuild those soils. concerned about the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agriculture sector.

And these corporations have the audacity to keep raising prices. This is not because food costs more to produce. It is, rather, because these corporate heads up their salaries and perks.

The U.S. needs to support local farmers, rather than seeing they are put out of business . They need to especially encourage farmers of all sizes to clean up their act and grow food organically and sustainably.

I hope the Obama Administration will make this a priority. Good health does not come with poisoned food. Good health insurance comes with healthy food, and the U.S. needs to get behind this. Certainly, then, health insurance claims would be reduced.

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