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My name is Nicole. I am one of the future generations that will inherit this earth from my forefathers. I am a daughter, a sister, an aunt, a niece, a granddaughter, a food lover, a consumer, one of the work force of this country, and a future mother if our government will help. I am employed full time in the transportation industry, locally grow my own produce in my backyard, and worry that due to the state our of current food supply and our earth, that I will never decide to have children.

My decision not to currently have children is based 100% on the consolidation of corporate power in our food and agriculture. I do not feel safe walking into a supermarket of any kind, and being able to find properly labeled products. I can not buy produce, meat, frozen food, milk, coffee creamer, junk food, frozen food, lunch, health and beauty aids, etc.

I am mostly concerned about the proper labeling of all products, and the practices being used to create these products, and their impact on the environment and our earth.

I am concerned with the improper labeling of milk, not knowing if RBH is in it or not.

I am concerned about pesticide covered vegetables and genetically altered seeds.

I am concerned that even if a product is organic or free range, that the rules of labeling are not strict enough to tell me if all the ingredients are organic, or some. What happens to the pesticide covered cotton seed that is being fed to livestock around the world? How does that get translated to a label?

I am worried that many of my friends who are small farmers are being put out of business by these large conglomerates, and many are being sued by large companies trying to dominate our food market and tell us what to eat, and are forced to settle because they do not have millions of dollars and corporate attorneys.

I have made a change in my life to only buy organic/natural products from companies that use sustainable practices, and I am now researching all food and products that come into my household. I will no longer support these large companies trying to hide what is in my food, my paper, my clothes, my produce, or what they had to cut down, destroy, defecate, or demolish to make it. And if you, the government, support them, I will no longer support you either. I have voted in every election in the last 10 years, and it has not worked. I am starting to vote at my supermarket now.

I could go on and on about my thoughts on our current economic crisis, recession, global warming, world hunger, etc, but there is too much to say.

We must support our earth by using sustainable practices

We should take the subsidies away from regular markets, i.e. corn, cotton, etc, and subsidize only organic products.

We must change the labeling on all products to be more specific.

We must change the loosely translated organic law to a more specific law, and enforce it in regards to labeling.

We must stop any company from having control over products, genetically altered or otherwise. I have banned all soy products, as I do not want to consume any genetically modified Monsanto Soy beans.

I hope this letter reaches you well, and you are able to read between the lines, as it would have taken me days to compose all my thoughts. Thanks so much.

Nicole Angelillo

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