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My name is Lydia Kelly. I am a mother, grandmother and an individual who believes in keeping our food supply unaltered by human hands and greed. Government officials need to stop sleeping with the lobbyists. It is insane. The people running the government offices that monitor our food are taking leaves of absences from Monsanto and other large agricultural lobbying organizations. My goodness....is there no integrity in government anymore? We in the "general population" of this insanity know it is happening, but we are powerless to do anything. But someone shared this email address and said someone in President Obama's staff would listen. Let's see if you do listen.

I am worried and concerned about the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agriculture sector; as well as the genetically modified foods on the market and the dairy products with hormones (milk/cheese/yogurt). If I buy a vegetable...I don't want animal dna mixed in. If I buy a stock of corn....I don't want pesticides mixed in with the essence of the kernal of corn. Don't allow the Monsantos of this world do to agriculture what WalMart did to retail. The affect on our health would be devastating.

In the last three years I have become almost a total vegan. I will not eat an animal that has been treated as if it is a rock. Even dairy cows are no longer allowed out in the field because by walking they may not produce as much milk. Chickens are allowed to be kept in cages on top of each other; defecating on each other with their beaks snipped off. That is insane. I will not eat milk and cheese products that have hormones in them. Young girls are maturing much faster these days and studies (not acknowledged by our own govt) suggests hormones in dairy products. I will not eat genetically modified foods or seedless "dead" fruits.

Our agricultural system is being destroyed and my granddaughter is at the mercy of a government that seems to have no integrity. I'll admit I sat blindly and let it begin to happen when my daughter was young. I've woken up and I want the insanity to stop.

I am totally sick of the lobbyiests who run this country. Big business has taken over our small independently run farms. I've noticed prices rising at the supermarket even though small farmers are not able to make a living.

Middle class America is at the mercy of the government that seems to have no integrity (oh, I know I already said this). Middle class America can not afford to buy organic this and that. They have to rely on government officials who are making decisions based on what is good for the big businesses that lobby the particular politician in office. Sickening.....it is sickening.

I'm concerned that big business is messing with mother nature and instead of making us healthier...I am concerned about my family's safety. If crops fail and if those crops have been modified not to produce seeds..then what? The inhumane way animals are kept increases the chances of an outbreak and spread of bacteria like E. coli. I could go on and on. I am a mere citizen who reads. I don't have the millions of dollars to line the politician's pockets to get what I believe is right.

I'm one of those silly folks who thought President Obama was going to make a difference.

The more I read...the more I think otherwise. There are more "X" Monsanto employees in government positions than ever before....what is up with that? Monsanto has legislators in their pockets and the legislators influence the supreme court: what is up with that?

I hope he proves me wrong. I hope I hear back from this email.

Don't allow our agricultural system to become one (or even two) big, greedy monopoly (ies) that only care about the bottom line and not about the health of my granddaughter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

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