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I am concerned about our agricultural land. The topsoil is being depleted without being replenished. Corporate farms dominate the markets and push out small farmers. It is more efficient to purchase food grown locally. Why spend \$ on fuel to ship food cross-country when it could be grown nearby? I read that farmers in Santa Rosa, CA left their apples to rot in the orchard because we are importing cheap apple juice from China instead of using what we have here. This is no good. What about the rivers of sewage from mega dairy and pig farms? We need to follow more hygienic agricultural practices to keep from polluting our precious water.

I am astounded when I hear that big food companies made record profits this year when small farmers continue to struggle.

We have huge problems, yet we have ways we can farm more efficiently and it doesn't include more chemicals and GE foods.

Get the corporate interests out of the Whitehouse, please.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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