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To whom it may concern:

As a concerned citizen that much prefers local produce and foods, I am extremely concerned about the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agriculture sector. The problems we've seen with food safety, the costs involved with transporting the food, the lack of flavor and texture of what is bought in the store, the cruel treatment of animals raised to provide us with food, the rising prices due to the hold corporations have on the food supply... the reasons are many and I could write several paragraphs.

I ask that you take this opportunity to help local farms and gardens, improve the treatment of animals in feed lots, and break the corporate stranglehold on our food. This is a necessity of life, not a nice to have item, such as a computer.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

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