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Thank you for allowing the public to comment for your workshop studies on food safety and production.

I don't actually think anything substantive will come of it, however. The problems will remain, simply because certain corporations (such as Monsanto) have too much power and influence over decisions made by the U.S. government. Case in point: A former top lobbyist for Monsanto was hired this year to advise the FDA. So much for conflict of interest.

Let me just tell you what one consumer family is doing to combat this trend (where corporations control our food choices):

We eat mostly organic, and only buy locally-produced food products.
Mostly fresh food and mostly whole food. Nothing that is canned or produced in a factory.
Nothing suspected of containing GMOs. Only products clearly marked "organic".
Nothing imported.

We've stopped eating corn because 80 percent of the corn in the U.S. contains genetically modified organisms.

We buy only organic soybeans (another major crop with more than half being produced containing GMOs).

It would really really help if you could label foods as "Contains GMO" or "GMO Free".

That way we consumers would have a choice.

Take away our choice (by not informing us what the product contains) is a way to control what we eat.

And yes, that will decrease the profit-margin of some big companies that produce or alter this food. So by NOT labeling foods as GMO free or as containing GMO, you are siding with the corporations to maintain their profit margin and ignoring the wishes of consumers.

If this is not the case, then why hasn't it yet been done?

Highly discouraged and hoping things will change, but not convinced it'll happen in my lifetime, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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