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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past couple of years my wife has explored ways of growing her local, popular soup business from the Farmers Market where she currently sells but she consistently runs into two problems: 1) Over regulation from the Dept. of Ag. for processing and cooking; 2) Difficulty in finding small-scale meat processors. The system is clearly structured for the big boys and to keep the little guy out. The gov't. regulations, probably lobbied on behalf of big food, are the biggest obstacle.

You want to see the economy grow and have more resiliency and less dependency on unhealthy, over-preserved Big Food, then start loosening up the regulations that prevent the little guy become, the least, a little bit bigger guy.

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