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Subject: Comment regarding control over our food supplies

I understand you are looking for comments regarding the control of our food supply here in the US. This concerns me greatly for I do not believe that what sustains us should be in the hands of any corporate entity. When there is so much money exchanged, there is the real possibility - and probability - that short cuts will be taken to maximize the corporation's profits at the expense of human beings, the animals, the land and Nature herself.

I live in New Jersey and have noticed the rise in food prices over the past few years. Since taxpayer money is used to subsidize agribusiness, I feel it is more than unfair that prices to consumers - we who are subsidizing - should be asked to pay more for food so that the corporations can have more of a profit margin. It borders on criminal theft, in my opinion. Because the motive of agribusiness is money, the quality of food suffers. I am not interested in contacting e-coli because quality controls were cut back to give the corporation more money. I am not interested in having food shipped from China because they pay slave wages and make more money for the corporations - the conditions over there are deplorable. Remember the pet food poisonings? If plants in the US were open, we might not have had this occurrence at the level at which it happened.

This is all about money above everything else. What is happening in this country is beginning to put to shame Dickens' 19th century England.

Please keep the corporation from monopolizing and controlling our food sources, including water. You owe that to every citizen in the US.

Thank you.

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You may use my name in the public record, but please keep my full address off or just show the state. Thank you.

"We must recall the origin of the medicine, otherwise it cannot work its effect," say the Na Khi, an ancient people native to southeastern China.