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I am the director of a non-profit dedicated to rebuilding a sustainable food system in San Jose, CA and educating and empowering our community to eat healthier. Our community farm is located in a low-income neighborhood where fast food is

I feel that the biggest barriers to our community being health is the cost of fresh healthy vegetables. It is an atrocity that more calories can be purchased at McDonalds than in the produce section of a grocery store. This discrepancy is directly related to the government subsidies that support corn and soy, and thereby fast food and junk food, while leaving fresh vegetables behind. Large corporations have lobbied hard to maintain these subsidies so they can maintain profits, at the cost of the health of our entire country. We need to relocalize our food system and give communities the power to control what they eat. How can our low income residents make healthier choices when so much is stacked against them? How many children need to get diabetes before we change our system?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

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