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Good people,

I am a member of the generations who moved away from the farms and ranches to the big city in search of jobs and greater cultural diversity. We trusted that the food supply would continue as our grandparents and parents had experienced it, from the garden exchanges to buying half a beef from the ranch across the valley.

We did not understand then that what we were becoming were the poisoned generations. Buying the highly processed foods with long shelf lives, the new products like margarine and cheese food. Only now we begin to understand in the high rates of diabetes, obesity and blocked arteries how remiss we were in not keeping watch on the food.

Now we long for the days when tomatoes tasted incredible, we didn't worry about the e coli in meat or vegetables and variety was possible because thousands of acres were not dedicated to the easiest to harvest crop or a brand name.

Please help the average citizen retain a voice in matters of health and the most basic necessity of life, food. Rein in the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agricultural sector. Support the small farms and organic growers. The well being of our grandchildren depends on access to healthy, diverse foods.

Many thanks for your attention in this very critical matter.

Sincerely,  
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