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I am mother, teacher, gardener, community leader BUT first and foremost a HUMAN BEING that "should" have the right to KNOW what I am eating and know that it will promote health in my body. Allowable levels of chemicals and toxins are not an option for me.

I am concerned that corporate power in the food and agriculture arena has replaced common sense.

My primary concern is that health in America is plummeting. In the world ranking we have dropped from 11th to 42nd in the past 20 years. If our common sense and wisdom cannot see that this has to do with all the chemicals used and applied in growing our food something is wrong. We as a nation are going back to growing our own, buying locally and demanding that we KNOW what we are putting into our bodies. I would hope that legislation would support this movement.

If I take back the control of my health beginning with what I eat. Improve my immune system (which will not happen eating what the corporate American food producers offer) then I will be a healthier person and less of a draw on our health care system.

Statistics show that the multi crop small farmer produces more and costs less than the mono crop corporate growers. Why can we not as a nation step out on wisdom instead of listening to money?

In our small community I as a local business owner am bringing people together by showing how to grow their own healthy food in back yards, patios and small plots. Getting local schools involved and encouraging neighbors to come together.

We are America and there is nothing more American than to come together and take care of our selves beginning with neighbors, then small towns and outwards to our counties and states. I intend to help anyone who will listen to heal themselves through healthy eating by taking the control themselves. We have given too much away personally and in our country.

STOP Monsanto and other corporate monopolies from poisoning our food and lives!

Respectfully,

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