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I am in sales in a food environment. I have had a community garden patch for many years. I shop at my local farmers market. I am also on the board for my local farmers market. I am concerned about the current state of our food. The consolidated power of our food processing and our agricultural practices of farming, mega corporate farms are not safe.

As a concerned citizen I feel that we have a right to nutritional food that is affordable. Agricultural and food corporations have grown and their lobbies have become even more powerful. This has influenced every aspect of US agriculture policy making. You have used tax dollars to subsidize the production of corn syrup. This contributes greatly to many health issues in this country. Which takes more tax dollars that must go to the medical industry.

Large corporations, with their centralized farming, not only have food traveling 1500 miles, creating a large carbon footprint but also have food that losses its health benefits.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my concern. I will be following the process in the coming year.

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