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Subject: Our food in America, Freaky, Strange and Cruel

Dear Honorable Dept of Justice,

My subject line was dramatic but it is very inappropriate to have the diversity of our country's farming community destroyed by one company. I am a simple Buddhist nun who tries to be aware. I worked for a young farmer two summers ago and saw a lot. Seeds and young farmers and their families are the joys of our country, bringing ensuing health to us all and the eventual economic gains therefrom and Monsanto should not destroy any of this which it for some reason wishes to. America is absolutely crazy to allow this to happen. To not understand biodiversity of seeds has serious consequences and to deprive farmers of their choice of seeds is very strange.

I have been a vegetarian for over 35 years on the grounds that I do not want to see any creature suffer if I can help it. I do not think we have an inherent right to kill our fellow creatures for food. I now eat mainly raw for my health and I am totally happy with the taste of what I eat. However this is just me and I understand that. But.....this does not have anything to do with when I write in the subject line, "freaky, strange, and cruel." If you are studying this problem you must read "Eating Animals" by Jonathan Safran Foer because he has researched alot. I had known much of this but it has grown drastically and it seems that most (97%?) of the meat and dairy is farmed in this very bizarre manner. It is not something that is worthy of any American, not something that is appropriate to enlist jobs for because of the endemic cruelty. The cruelty is shocking and comes because the workers are unable to stand the conditions. If Americans really knew the sourcing of their meat products they would be horrified. Someone needs to be able to look because it is supremely unhealthy, both physically and morally. The factory farm, agri business, has got to be broken up. The "factories" are so tightly filled with their animal charges as to be ridiculously maliciously unhealthy only because it is a big business, the person in charge is not there, will never be there and has no clarity about it. Farmers have clarity about their animals.

Thank you for listening, and thank you for all your efforts for which I am very very grateful,
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