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Subject: We want our food rights back

It is time to give us our food supply back. I am a registered dietitian and the director of a degree program in sustainable food systems. It is overwhelmingly disheartening to study the dramatic changes in food production since the Industrial Revolution. I implore you not to let big business capture the flag on this issue. Food is life to us and we should have a say in how it is grown, how we obtain and prepare it, with whom we eat it and how we dispose of the waste. Food is community. The industrialization of education, of food and of health care will be considered among our greatest failures. Allow us to return to localism, this will build healthy communities. Do not allow companies to patent seeds; this is absurd. Will someone claim to own the sun soon? And will the courts support this claim? We are all just stewards of the earths resources.

Please, do not sell out to industry.

Sincerely,

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