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Legal Policy Section  
Antitrust Division  
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RE: Comments Regarding Agriculture and Antitrust  
Enforcement Issues

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent and provider and I am deeply concerned about the consolidation of corporate power in the food and agricultural sector. I have noticed a dramatic increase in prices at the supermarket, at the same time big corporations are reporting record profits this year. It is getting harder and harder for me to take care of my family with the prices at the grocery store being so high, and for health concerns, it's even harder because I buy organic foods and products, which are even *more* expensive, when these products should be the norm!! As food and agricultural corporations have grown and consolidated, their lobbies have become even more powerful, ultimately influencing every aspect of the US agricultural policy, with consequences that are detrimental to public health. People should come before profits,

Additionally I feel vey strongly about climate change and pollution, which causes disease. The carbon footprint of our food is enormous! Transporting food products from across the country just doesn't make sense. And. it also puts local farmers trying to make an honest living, out of business.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important matter. I look forward to following the hearings process in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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