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Subject: Big Business and the effects on American People

Dear Department of Justice,

The problem with the business of food, like so many other businesses in the United States, is that short term profits are king. I agree that big business is efficient in providing our food supply, and has kept prices affordable....or so it appears. When you really examine our food supply and how it is delivered, we are paying for it on the back end in our cost of health care and the destruction of our environment.

I am an international flight attendant. I have visited countries all over the world and have never seen anything like the obesity I see at home. Just because our food is relatively cheap to buy does not mean it isn't costing us a fortune in health care. The use of corn, because it is cheap, is pervasive in our food supply, and it is one of the contributing factors to weight gain, and diabetes.

Factory farming is a huge contributor to greenhouse gases and many farming practices are polluting our water systems. We do not need to consume that much meat. We will certainly pay a big price if we continue to allow companies to only think of short term profits as we ruin our environment.

I realize I am only one person. But I can tell you that many of my friends are gravely concerned about these issues.

I urge you to curb the practices of the few companies who hold our health and welfare in their hands. They do not care about health. They only care about profits. And they have so much power and money they will spend hundreds of millions of dollars "persuading" our elected officials that we are all safe.

Thank you for your consideration

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