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Dear Department of Justice,

Thank you for this opportunity to have my voice heard.

Intense anger rises in me every time I walk into a common grocery store. I am outraged that I have to buy grapes from Chile when they grow in my own state of Oregon. Why am I getting Florida oranges when they could come from California, a lot closer? Why does Safeway only sell "Eco-Farmed" Lundberg rice and not that brand's Organic variety? Why are processed foods not required to have labeling informing us where they come from and how they were grown? You know that any person in this country would rather buy an American made canned good than one from China - for many reasons, just one of them being the risk of contamination in food from China.

Monsanto controls the majority of seeds in this country and peddles their genetically modified food experiments to the general public. I can not trust this company nor anyone who supports them for their blatant disregard of human life and health. For these and many more reasons, I avoid grocery stores. I shop at farmer's markets or the local natural foods store or I trade for locally grown food from my neighbors. But this does not make me feel better. I know I am simply hiding from the larger problem because I see many more people in supermarkets than at the farmer's market. Its cheaper to shop at the big stores! Its cheaper because its subsidized. I know this.

End subsidies for big agribusiness. Ban the use of chemical fertilizers and other farming methods that pollute our soil, water, and air supply and threaten our long-term food security. Please stop this injustice, or I am gravely fearful that we will soon be a country of malnourished and sickly citizens, slaves to corporate giants.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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