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The Inter-Agency Council of Food Safety is accepting public input to planning for a safer food supply.

I stopped eating animals products years ago after hearing the inhumane conditions animals must endure in farm factories and slaughterhouses. Establishing humane conditions is the first and most important step to a healthy food supply. Sustainable agricultural practices come next. There must be funds allocated to assure strict adherence to these two issues.

Then, there should be NO hormones or antibiotics administered to animals routinely as they are now. NO animals byproducts should be given as food to non-carnivorous animals.

There should be NO genetic engineering of foods. If there are consumers who do wish to buy those products, they should be clearly labeled for the majority of the citizens who do not want to purchase them.

Organically grown foods are a must to retain clean, healthy soil. Food full of herbicides and pesticides must go. I don't even feed my pets commercial pet food because of the junk in it.

Thus far, government is bending to the demands of the pharmaceutical companies and agribusiness. If this doesn't end, our food supply will always be sick. It's time to listen to the people and put policy into the hands of the individual citizen, not the corporations and greedy special interest groups such as the meat and dairy industries and the pharmaceutical companies.

Thank you,



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