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General Comment:

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to refrain from passing any regulation or law which further inhibits the ability of America's small farms to participate and compete in today's agricultural markets.

I, and my family, are regular consumers of greens (and other vegetables) produced by small, family-owned farms in the Central Texas area such as [put our farm name here, and any other farm with whom you shop]. These independently-owned farms are growing and selling produce in a marketplace dominated by corporate growers.

I ensure my family's food safety by purchasing from growers with whom I have relationships and whose practices I know. Small, family farms are ill equipped to handle the administrative burden required by regulations targeted at large, corporate concerns, and small growers represent just a tiny percentage of food safety concerns, despite their growing share of the marketplace.

Please protect small growers. They represent the future of agriculture.