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Day 7

Dear Mr. Chuck Schumer,

We are Forces of Nature, a group dedicated to protecting and maintaining our environment. We are high school students from Jericho High School. We have recently learned that contrary to stereotypical beliefs, organic farming is cheaper, more efficient, and is better for the environment.

Organic farming is “is a method of crop and livestock production that involves much more than choosing not to use pesticides, fertilizers, genetically modified organisms, antibiotics and growth hormones (Omafra, n.d.).”

This farming is sustainable for our future and needed to protect our environment. We recently found out that America’s farmland is used more for corn and soy and only **10%** is used for growing crops that human can consume. What’s more is that organic food is costly because there is high demand. Since, there is high demand for this method of crop production, which is beneficial for the environment, there needs to be changes made that reflect the voice of us as a community, so we have outlined a policy below.

Currently, there is not enough being done by the Senate and Trump Administration regarding this subject matter. There needs to be more awareness about this issue and the lobbyists in Washington, should not decide the policy matters because companies that use conventional methods have probably persuaded representatives to keep this issue at bay.

This issue needs to be put in the spotlight by the mainstream media and this will come from a bill within the Senate or House. One party, one policy, or even one person can change the course of our environmental initiative to lead to a more environmental course.

We would like to see the enactment of a policy, called the Organic Operation, which includes the following:

- Tax benefits for farmers who are currently using organic farming methods
 - This would incentivize farmers to switch from conventional methods to organic methods
- Certificates and awards for supermarkets that are selling the most organic food in their shelves
 - This would motivate supermarkets to carry more organic foods because they want this prestigious award in their store
- Impose taxes on conventionally grown food and use this money to fund the research
 - This would help provide money for the next step of the plan.
- Funding from Congress to research the overall positive impact of organic farming
 - This would raise awareness to representatives that have never paid attention to this issue
- Pass a Bill that would include an Organic factor in the USDA Grade

- This bold initiative would force restaurants to focus more on buying from organic producers, rather than conventional ones.

Sincerely,
Forces of Nature

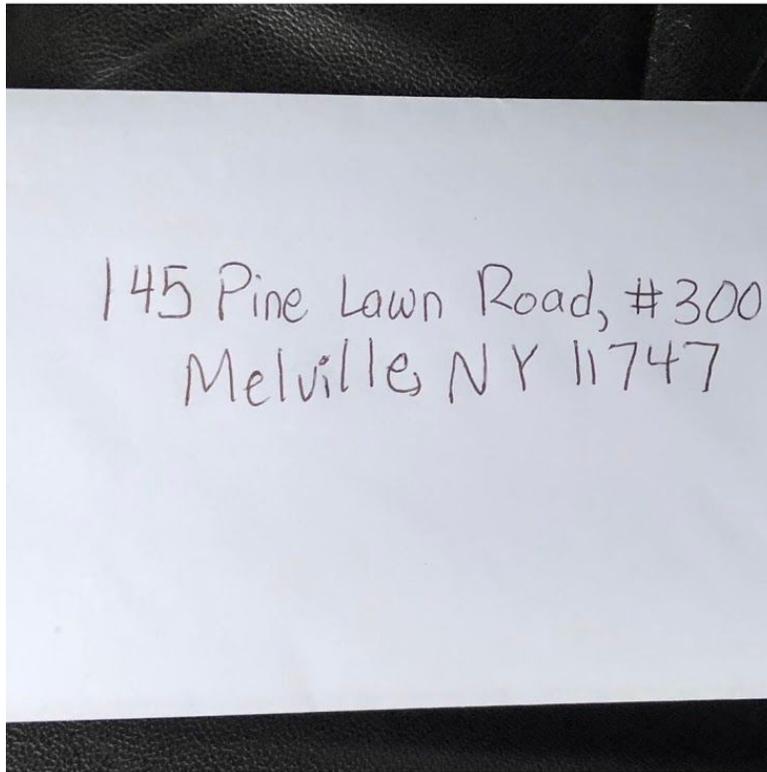
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