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Senator Jim Rice,

Today I will like to address the importance and intense need for more organic agriculture. I am an Idahoan and also a passionate environmentalist currently studying on a foreign exchange in Belgium and I strongly believe that agricultural change is a necessity in order to produce more organic food for greater human health, economic growth, and planet preservation.

Senator, do you try to purchase healthy foods? Organic foods are known for being one of the healthiest options as they contain fewer or no pesticides, bioengineered genes (GMOs), petroleum-based fertilizers, and other growth hormones that can potentially lead to many diseases and sicknesses. Studies have shown that the use of pesticides can increase the risk of certain cancers and exposure to pesticides at an early age can cause developmental delays and immune system harm. Pesticides can even be passed down to a child in the womb and through breast milk. Pesticides' only advantage is for industrial farms to mass produce in a quick manner, and though one may argue that there is a need for mass production in our populated country, let me ask you this; Are pesticides worth the risk of the population's health? Are they greater than a human's health? Your health? My health? A child's health? An infant's health? If no, then use your power to change agriculture, promote and enforce more organic and safe methods, for the sake of everyone's health.

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-eating/organic-foods.htm>

Senator, do you try to purchase certain foods to help the economy? While organic foods may sometimes be more expensive, organic foods help expand and grow the local economy. While one may assume that organic foods are only purchased by those who have excess money, in a study done (follow the link below) they found that the demographics of organic food buyers are the exact demographics of the United States, meaning they are the **average** American. Buying organic helps your next door farmer rather than just giving your money to a multi-million company. People may note that this

industrial agriculture must be more efficient than organic agriculture. But let me ask you this Senator, is it more efficient? For who? As Ali Partovi put it, is “mining minerals in Morocco, shipping them across the Atlantic, spraying them on the field only to have them wash off into waterways and end up in dead zones like the Gulf of Mexico...” efficient? If no, then use your power to change agriculture, promote and enforce more organic and safe methods, for the sake of the people’s economy.  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LS6TWtYWaPA> )

Senator, do you try to preserve the planet? Not the planet Mars or Jupiter, but **ours**, the planet Earth. Actions such as minimizing waste and energy, recycling/reusing products, and reducing carbon emissions are all really great actions to preserve and protect our environment, but what can also do all of these actions above is **organic agriculture!** Organic agriculture minimizes waste and uses less energy, they recycle/reuse their other animals' fertilizers on their crops, and reduce carbon emissions as they travel less to take their products to their market! In addition, they often rotate their plants to keep the soil full of nutrients and do much more to grow clean crops for people. Senator, do you want to protect your people’s health, grow their economy, and preserve the beautiful planet we inhabit? If **yes**, then I encourage you to use your position and power to stand up and change agriculture to be more organic for the sake of your people.

Sincerely,  
Cheyon Sheen

**Cheyon Sheen**Just now · 

Below is a letter I have written to Senator Jim Rice, Chair of Agricultural affairs in Idaho, about the importance of organic agriculture because I strongly believe in it. If you too have issues that you have strong opinions on, I encourage you to also contact a political figure and strive for change. @usda @turninggreen #pgc2018

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