

## **TESTIMONY TO NATIONAL COMMISSION ON HUNGER**

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During the Depression in the 1930s, Congress passed agricultural price support laws and other laws designed to assist family farms. Now Congress and the taxpayers pay huge international conglomerates billions of dollars NOT to grow food. To pay the conglomerates, Congress cuts payments for Food Stamps. Women on Food Stamps, buy cheap processed foods made of corn, wheat and soybeans. Millions of children are malnourished because they do not get enough vitamins, nutrients and minerals and these children's brain development and cognitive skills are being diminished. Congress should stop paying conglomerates not to grow food; gear payments to farmers who grow fruits and vegetables, and prohibit the use of most chemical fertilizers. Congress pays almost no money to owners of Orchards and family farms. If you really want to know the facts, please look at the documentary film entitled A Place at the Table.