

AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
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I would like to thank the Committee and the House of Representative for taking the time to consider this bill. It's nice to see that the committee member's districts are all thru out the state. It seems the frequency of articles of over zealous town official's restricting gardens and chickens is on the increase and as I write I'm fighting this issue in my town. I think it is time that the state governments take a look at some disturbing trends occurring in Ohio and the U.S. I think if you do your own research for yourselves on these issues there is more than enough of an argument to enact some sort of law that protects the property owners here in Ohio to grow his own food from anti food bueracrats. These issues that I'm making here do not address the inflation aspect of this issue which is frightening in and of itself for all who live here in Ohio. Food inflation is on the rise pretty much across the board and I think that if inflation were to get out of hand it would happen so fast that people would not be able to prepare. This aspect affects rich and poor alike.

But instead I would like you to research for yourselves the issues of:

- 1.) Only 10 companies control almost every large food and beverage brand in the world.  
<http://www.businessinsider.com/10-companies-control-the-food-industry-2016->
2. The Chinese are buying up and taking over Americas largest food processors and farms.  
<http://www.takepart.com/article/2016/02/22/china-syngenta-smithfield>  
[www.pbs.org/newshour/show/whos-behind-chinese-takeover-worlds-biggest-pork-producer](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/whos-behind-chinese-takeover-worlds-biggest-pork-producer)
- 3.) Big Ag. And Monsanto gave us GMO's antibiotics, pesticides, hormones, and genetic engineering  
  
[https://www.naturalnews.com/041559\\_Monsanto\\_GMOs\\_lies.html](https://www.naturalnews.com/041559_Monsanto_GMOs_lies.html)
- 4.) The majority of our fish, chicken and pork we eat is shipped to China for processing and then shipped back.  
[www.davidwolfe.com/10-foods-china-plastic-pesticides-cancer-causing-chemicals/](http://www.davidwolfe.com/10-foods-china-plastic-pesticides-cancer-causing-chemicals/)
- 5.) Life destroying toxins intentionally engineered into the food supply  
  
[https://www.naturalnews.com/043995\\_human\\_civilization\\_processed\\_food\\_stealth\\_war.html](https://www.naturalnews.com/043995_human_civilization_processed_food_stealth_war.html)
- 6.) Poultry and the Antibiotic Health Crisis is the single most important infectious disease threat of our time.  
<https://hippocratesinst.org/poultry-antibiotic-health-crisis>
- 7.) Modern day disruptions to our food supply  
[https://www.naturalnews.com/036406\\_power\\_grid\\_failure\\_lessons.html](https://www.naturalnews.com/036406_power_grid_failure_lessons.html)

These issues are of concern to me and a lot of individuals here in my town, we are worried about our local government trying to control our property as to where and what we can plant in our yards and saying no to chickens. This is not isolated to my town, many surrounding towns are outlawing the raising of chickens as well. This clean food and buying local movement is growing as each year passes for good reasons. What a better way to know what you are eating than growing it yourselves. It helps during weather disruptions, power outages or whatever to have your own food. I thank you in advance and hope you realize that HB175 is definitely needed here in Ohio for my town and for my family but for yours as well.