

# ACTIONS TO USHER IN A BETTER FUTURE FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE:

## 1. Curbing Globalized Concentration



Multinational corporations have co-opted our agrifood system, subverting their primary goal – feeding people – and rather, using it as a means to gain profit and ultimately, power. We can begin to take control of our agrifood system with the right policy that prioritizes creating fair markets for everyone along the supply chain, allowing them to truly benefit from regenerative and resilient food systems. We must ensure the power to make decisions about the agrifood system lies in the hands of those who produce and consume food directly.

### SUPPORT EXISTING LEGISLATION

- Food and Agribusiness Merger Moratorium and Antitrust Review Act of 2019 - (116th: H.R. 2933/S.1596)
- Farm System Reform Act - (116th: H.R.6718/S.3221)
- Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Reform Act - (116th: H.R.8522)
- Voluntary Checkoff Program Participation Act - (116th: H.R.5699/S.934)
- Opportunities for Fairness in Farming Act - (116th: H.R.5563/3.935)

### URGE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- Initiate rulemaking to reinstate rules where the provisions in the 2010 Farmer Fair Practice Rules serve as the minimum threshold for farmer protections. (USDA)
- Create the Independent Farmer Protection Bureau, modeled after the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. It would serve as a watchdog for threats to competitive markets and multinational corporate capture of research and program implementation. (USDA)

### CHAMPION NEW LEGISLATION AND ACTION

- Increase funding, including for additional personnel, for full investigations and enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921. (Appropriations)
- Bar acquisitions or mergers that would result in a single entity's control of greater than 25% of a market, or the market's CR4 to surpass the 40% threshold.
- Ban the use of employment non-compete agreements for non-leadership employees.
- Ban the use of exclusionary contracts.
- Tie antitrust to fair labor laws by enforcing antitrust penalties to corporations that deny workers a fair wage through market collusion.
- Mandate federal government procurement of farm and food products from non-monopolistic entities and independent farmers and ranchers.