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American citizens eat unhealthily all the time. America increasingly rely on foreign countries for their food. The increased importation poses a regulatory problem, for the United States, as other countries do not have the same stringent pesticide guideline for veggies as the United States. The Food and Drug Administration along with Customs currently have the responsibility of maintaining the safety of the imported food supply for American consumers.

Unfortunately, the FDA limited resources only allow for testing of 1% of all food imported by the US. The FDA does not currently have the appropriate power to civilly punish importers who either import dangerous produce or distribute these disgusting, repugnant, tainted, pesticide-ridden goods. The regulations currently in place do not encourage importers from placing tainted food on grocery shelves. Produce contaminated with pesticides lead a ton of health effects including cancer and endocrine disruption. The safety of our food supply is compromised by this lack of deterrence. Thus, congress should grant the FDA the ability to implement a system of controlled testing and civil fines to regulate the importation of food.

Giving the FDA the ability to impose civil penalties will create a deterrent for importers while requiring limited additional resources. A reformed penalty system will promote importer self-regulation. While this new regulatory framework will result in potentially higher costs to producer and consumer, the social health benefits of a safer food supply, as well as a more sustainable means of food production, far outweigh these costs.