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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

Agri-corps, like Monsanto, are a threat to family farmers. They have the money for lobbying for legislation favorable to their ends. They also control the seed market, thus forcing small farmers to buy from them. This adversely affects the seed gene pool. This does not bode well for the future of agriculture, both here and around the world.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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