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

I am deeply concerned about what is happening (and not happening) with food labeling. I feel that we should protect Americans by labeling foods with pertinent information like where it grew/ was raised, how it was grown, where and how it was processed and what if any chemicals were used on and around it.

Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security. All consumers have a right to know what goes into their foods so we can opt out. We also have the right to an affordable natural option.

Companies like Monsanto are ruining the biodiversity of our agricultural landscape and keeping small farmers poor. No one should control the right to grow food the way Monsanto controls the corn seed supply.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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