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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I am concerned that hard working farmers stand to lose everything they have worked so hard for, because somebody thought it was a great idea to patent life. I am concerned that there are more rules in place to protect "big food" then to protect us, the consumers. I am deeply concerned that many of the people in charge of our food "safety" were once deep in the pockets of the very people from whom we need protection. I am concerned that foods with GMO's don't have to be listed as such. I am concerned that the list of ingredients on food doesn't also include the chemicals with which the food was treated. Above all else, I am concerned that any of this is actually an issue about which we have to fight. When did something so basic as healthy, good food, sustenance, nutrition, stop being a basic human right and become a choice made for us by shady, faceless board members? When did our food start to become a science experiment, rather than a gift from the Earth? Please start putting the vast power of our government to work for us, everyday Americans, who only wish to provide a healthy life for our families, instead of for big business, who only wish to fatten their wallets, no matter what the human cost may be.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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