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I am writing because I am concerned about the small number of Agricultural companies controlling the bulk of our food market.

Celiac Disease has close to doubled. Food allergies have tripled and become even more deadly and serious for many of those with allergies. Population numbers of Autism, diabetes, MS, and other diseases have increased exponentially. This is within our control, it is reversible, it just takes some strength, foresight, and long term thinking!

Have you ever been on the road travelling and tried to find something to eat that does not contain either wheat, dairy, corn or peanuts? Gas stores and fast food chains mainly buy ingredients grown/produced from mass food producers. These typically contain genetically modified seeds, plants cross pollinated with allergen-containing plants, and toxic chemicals. Travelling is a nightmare for those with these dietary restrictions. Leading to decreased travel, and less revenue for areas dependent on tourism...

Our country is becoming sicker and sicker. If you want a healthy, strong, vibrant, intelligent population, we need to have access to food that is grown organically and without genetically modified seeds. We need not less, but MORE competition among food producers so these corporate giants do not control the political system as they control our country's dietary intake.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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