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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds. Small farms are being put out of business because they cannot compete. This company has too much influence in Washington, sending lobbyists to the people who regulate them, have a bigger voice with the regulators than the citizens of the US do.

This company also has a poor environmental record, providing chemicals to our foods that affect pregnant women, causing damage to babies while in the womb. Their products also pollute our waterways and poison our soil.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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