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

I am sick of a quick grocery shopping trip taking me an hour because I have to scrutinize every label and every ingredient and wonder about the company who processed it. It's ridiculous. Even reading all the labels and searching for "organic" or "all natural" foods I still feel like I have no idea what's in the product or who is producing it. I should not have to worry about things like this. This should not even be something I have to worry about. All food should be safe and natural. No companies should have a monopoly on any market, including the food and agriculture industry. I am absolutely horrified at Monsanto, and even more horrified the government has allowed this to continue. It makes me ill to think how many other companies are out there like this that haven't been brought to light. The government is not doing their job protecting the people of this country. You should be protecting the modest farmers that have worked their whole life providing this country with wholesome food. You SHOULD NOT be insulting them by forcing them to use a product or method they don't want to. I am disgusted with what I have learned about this industry, and even more horrified of what I have yet to learn.

Please do something. Everyone knows right from wrong. Stop being controlled by money - there is more to life. Do something. The right thing.

Sincerely,

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