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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets, not only here in the US, but worldwide.

Much of my concern is regarding the huge chemical company, Monsanto, who not only controls the majority of seeds in this country but also threatens farmers who do not purchase their seeds.

And is currently pushing other countries to only use their GM seeds as well, to which we do not fully know all the negative results although we do know how little the benefits.

Monsanto has made record profits, while farmers are struggling and having to quit their life's work. And why is there a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and our government regulators? No wonder this AG corp. hasn't been held to any standards whatsoever.

Organic farming is where our future lies, and Monsanto has no place in that future, especially since they have been creating our current food crisis and all its related issues!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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