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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. My family and I do our best to research the food we eat. This is not something we should have to do. I should be able to trust that the FDA and other agencies in place to keep our food and water safe are doing their job. Instead, companies like Monsanto are not only allowed, but encouraged to continue modifying and poisoning our food. When they deem the small farmer a threat to their profits, or when they decide they do not have enough, they squeeze those small farmers out. My choices to feed my family what I deem healthy foods are dwindling. And quite often it takes a lot of research to make an educated decision. This would not be the case if they were at least required to properly label their foods. It should be my choice whether I eat cloned meat, drink antibiotic laden milk, and whether I feed it to my children. Please, use the power the people have given you to protect the people. Take that power from Monsanto and other large agribusinesses which allows them to slowly poison me, my family and millions of other Americans and our once rich land. Keep their lobbyists out of the agencies that are in place to regulate them.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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