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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I struggle every day to find food that is labeled as to its origin, whether it is genetically modified, whether it has been doused with chemicals, etc. The food at the supermarkets is expensive and very often not worth buying because of the above issues. I am a single mother on a budget.

I have a college degree, I have spent six months travelling the world over and I attempt to keep up with current events here and in other countries. I ask you why does the food here fall short of quality and availability of food in many other democratic nations? Why does Monsanto control in an imperialistic way so much of what goes on my childrens' table?

And maybe most important why aren't United States farmers encouraged to farm bio-dynamically so that our grandchildren aren't cursing us someday for letting the earth and its plants be ruined by Monsanto's profit and power obsessed corporate behavior.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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