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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. This is an outrageous violation of farmers' rights, not to mention individual rights. We need control of decent labeling to know what chemicals are on our food and if it's genetically modified.

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year. What about standing up for the smaller farming markets that support locally grown agricultures?!

Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security. Long term effects will threaten OUR HEALTH!

Please pay attention before it's too late! Thank you for your anticipated care in these matters.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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