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I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I have some questions for you.

How is it that just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds? Actually, I have the answer for this...It is obvious that there is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. Come on, wake up and do something about this.

Furthermore, why aren't there decent labels telling you where our food has grown, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified? It's not fair that corporations are excused from responsibility - when these items are things we PUT IN OUR BODIES.

Why is it the big food companies have made record profits this year but farmers are struggling financially? Something doesn't add up.

Why is food, a precious resource for our bodies and minds, grown and raised in ways that are terrible for our health? Is it really not obvious to you that if we are polluting the water, poisoning the soil, and threatening our long-term food security, then we are directly harming ourselves and our children?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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