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I am writing because I am concerned about Monsanto's control over a majority of our food sources, including the seeds used to grow them.

I find it a sad fact that anyone truly concerned with their health and that of their children have to seek out alternative food sources by shopping at local green grocers or local farms rather than the supermarket giants like Stop and Shop or Shaws who sell the products responsible for so many health issues today.

My household makes under \$50,000 a year with two employed adults, yet we have to seek out and pay higher prices for organic foods and natural products that are less detrimental to our health and the planet's environment. Why is this decision put in the hands of individual families? Why does our government allow unsafe food sources and thousands of chemicals to be produced when there is clear evidence that these products are damaging our health and our environment?

So many Americans do not even realize where their food comes from, how many chemicals are on them and in them, and that they are genetically modified. They assume that if it is sold in the market, it must be safe. Our government officials would not allow food that is not safe to be sold, would it? How little they know and how much they trust those that don't really care about them.

People have a right to healthy food and should not have to join an underground movement to seek out safe foods. In addition to halting companies like Monsanto's monopoly on agribusiness, informative labeling should be mandated so people KNOW what is in their food.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

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