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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. I am also appalled by the lack of vigorous testing of GMO seeds, and their release into the environment. I am quite disturbed also by Monsanto's buying up smaller seed companies which sold open pollinated seeds, and taking them off the market, solely so they could make more money from patented hybridized seeds. Crop diversity is essential for a healthy future. When there are only a few varieties there is no food security. Please support small, local and organic farmers. Please discourage agribiz and chemical farming which harms the environment and contributes to climate change.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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