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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.

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. Plus, they are shipped long distances from farm to factory to market, increasing the use of fossil fuels. Most food we consume are not grown locally (although some things, like bananas, can't be grown locally in this country).

What's in our food, anyway? And why aren't there decent labels telling you where it grew, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified? The consumer has a right to know what's going on in the food industry and what they are actually eating.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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