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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets and the overall direction food policy has been moving in. The revolving door for lobbyists and regulators is the first thing that completely MUST END. How are we going to look fairly at the important issues when corruption is so transparent?

Secondly I am very concerned about what mono-culture mass scale, highly sprayed, petro chemical fertilized, lifeless soil might lead to. The dust bowl comes to mind. Our water sheds need to be valued more than gold. I also firmly believe that the intensely sprayed chemicals are leading to a dumbing down effect on our kids as well as adults. Many toxins store in the brain and disrupt neurological connections. So we overprescribe more drugs for mental illness, which can lead to even worse conditions.

Please help get this crazy train back on the tracks. Make a real change in food policy, stamp out the heavy handed practices of Monsanto.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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