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As a small farmer, I am deeply concerned about the takeover of our food supply by giant agribusiness firms like Monsanto. Monsanto is NOT FARMING, it is big business monopoly. Agrifarming is actually depleting the food supply for the long term by ruining the soils with pesticides and genetic modification. The GMOs are killing beneficial insects and bees that are essential to fertilize our plants. And these monopolies actually created seeds that do not reproduce so that we, and poor countries around the world, will have to purchase genetically altered seeds from them. They also deplete the water supplies that are essential for our existence by ridiculously UNSustainable farming methods. They are the Hitlers of the food industry. This is world domination our most basic right - the right to feed ourselves! If we allow them to continue, our children will not have enough food in the next 20 years and that is not an exaggeration.

Competition in farming must be reinstated. Give subsidies to small, local farms to produce organic food that replenishes the soils for generations to come and greatly reduces carbon emissions from the packaging and transportation of food thousands of miles. The Monsanto-style corporate food monopolies must be severely regulated. In fact, they should be banished from existence.

Please, bring back our democracy and fair competition in farming. Bring back sustainable, organic farming. Bring back local, small farms. This is essential to our survival.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this truth.

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*"Love is not something to be earned.  
It cannot be judged,  
meted out, or taken away.  
Love is something that you are."  
- Emmanuel*

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