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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

As a St. Louis resident, Monsanto has literally been in our backyard since I was born. Little did I know that the effects of its monopolization efforts had spread to the corners of the world!

In 2003 I spent the summer after graduation working with rice farmers in Thailand.. I didn't speak Thai and could only understand short phrases from their meetings, but one thing I understood was the word MONSANTO in many of their comments. The interpreter explained that the Thai villagers who'd been farming rice their entire lives all felt threatened by this multinational company that wanted to extinguish their right to collect their own seed - as they've done for generations!

I am extremely concerned about a company controlling such a large % of the world's seeds! In the name of scientific advancement - yeah, right! In the name of corporate greed is more like it!

The havoc they have wrecked on so many small farmers already is appalling! Their grip on the world's food must be relinquished!

Please help! And thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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