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

I would like to be able to make food purchases with accurate information. Currently, I do not know if the food I am buying contains genetically modified organisms or has been grown or produced outside of the United States.

I would like to know that my food dollars are supporting sustainable agriculture of American farmers. I would like to know that my food dollars are going to the farmers and not to stockholders or corporate executives. Currently, it is very difficult to get good information about where my grocery store food comes from and how it was produced.

If our economy is based on 'dollar votes' then consumers need accurate information. Shielding corporate producers behind policies that do not require them to disclose vital information is not helpful to our consumers or our economy.

Please allow me to have the choice to make the informed decisions about my food purchases that reflect my values.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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