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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. This sounds more like the Mafia, not free enterprise.

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?

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards. It's becoming more government by and for the corporations, not the people.

Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year. Why the free pass? Another example of our 2-tier society.

As government officials, it is your responsibility to safeguard the public in both safety and economics.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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