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I am writing to express my concern about the control of our agricultural system by a few large companies. I am very worried about chemicals in my food which can affect our health. I am also concerned about monoculture and the lack of seed and crop diversity. I understand that Monsanto corporation is a good example of one who strong-arm tactics to force out smaller competitors and reduce farmers' choices and ultimately our own.

I myself have been trying to buy farmer's market organic produce eggs, pork, lamb and beef (grass-fed) to avoid carcinogens and unhealthy food in my diet, but few people have the opportunity and/or means to do so.

Please do what you can to maintain competition in the marketplace and support companies that are trying to support farmer's and consumers. Please do your part to reduce the use of pesticides and other chemicals in our food. Please work to promote sustainability in environment and food production.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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