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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Companies such as Monsanto, Syngenta, Cargill and government money that allows them to continue on their dangerous and unethical research, release of new products without significant time to decide on its safety, and unregulated power in the realm of our most important need (food) is absolutely unacceptable.

I have recently started a business installing vegetable, herb and livestock systems on an individual level, in people's own backyards because the level of distrust of these companies runs high. Internationally and domestically, people are acting out (some based on necessity) and are quickly becoming connected to each other to form a greater resistance to what's going on.

Please, please stop cutting the consumer's voice out: we want to know what exactly is in our food, who made it, at what cost and profit, and the impact ecologically, socially and politically. We're catching on quickly and I believe that Obama was elected by a great many people that thought he would make significant change in the agribusiness world. Michelle Obama has become the favored White House resident and her focus and awareness campaign will soon be recognized by the majority.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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