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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. Organic farmers are not responsible for "drift." Let's protect seed cleaners - not let Monsanto's "inspectors" drive them out of business.

? 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? We can never put the GMO genie back in the lamp, but we can label it!

? Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security. If you insist on ID tags, then each farmer should pay by the head, not the tag. Otherwise small, free-range farmers are at an enormous disadvantage to the confinement systems.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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