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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. This lack of competition appears to be the deliberate result of concerted efforts by a few enormous corporations which use their combined power to monopolize the food supply of the United States and increasing portions of the world. For example, Monsanto misuses exciting technical advances in genetic engineering to create and market crops with seeds which cannot reproduce so farmers must continue to buy new seed every year at dramatically escalating prices. They also genetically

engineer crops resistant to their enormously profitable and extraordinarily dangerous glyphosphate based Roundup product so that farmers have no realistic way to use anything else. When their sterilizing crop pollens blow into the field of an adjacent farmer who does not use their seeds, they use their enormous legal department to sue that small farmer for "illegal possession of intellectual property" since their genetically engineered crops are patented.

Says David Ehrenfield, Professor of Biology at Rutgers University, "Genetic Engineering is often justified as a human technology, one that feeds more people with better food. Nothing could be further from the truth. With very few exceptions, the whole point of genetic engineering is to increase sales of chemicals and bio-engineered products to dependent farmers"

Only the United States Department of Justice has the power to take on a titan like Monsanto. Will you help us all by carefully looking into their business practices?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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