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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

A monopoly in any business is unhealthy for the market as a whole, especially when it involves the health of our country physically. Monsanto has been the most destructive corporation the planet has ever known. If allowed to continue unabated, with its high leaders involved in a revolving door with the FDA, our food supply will never be the same. Our farmers are being put out of business or forced to do business with Monsanto as their only choice to survive and make a livelihood. Monsanto has the power to bully and get their way at the cost of our common hard working farmer. It is a shameful degrading thing to witness and will only grow worse if they are allowed to continue with their rampage. The seed is free!!!!!! And yet they claim to own it!!!!!! Against the laws of nature and the creator!!!!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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