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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Some companies, such as Monsanto, are taking advantage of people by controlling seeds and using influence to pass certain laws that help their company do what it wishes, but that are terrible for people and the environment and our food supply. These big companies, like Monsanto, use lobbyists and lots of money to help convince others to do what they like. They also help, former employees and persons with conflict of interests to serve on committees that regulate our food. This is totally wrong.

I want my family to be able to purchase or grow food that is organic and safe. I would like the food grown in our country to be organic so that we are not polluting the environment nor ourselves. I want to know that we are purchasing and consuming food that is NOT genetically engineered. (And if it is still allowed to be sold, I want to know if it is GE or not because I should have the right to know what we are buying to feed our kids and ourselves) I want farmers to be able to save their own seeds. I don't feel comfortable with the Monsanto corporation having so much control over our food supply. I also think there should be more supervision and scrutiny of those who serve on boards to regulate our food so that there is no conflict of interest.

It is wrong that food costs so much right now so that the average family struggles to buy food for their family and yet the big corporations have made record profits this year.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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