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

I recently watched the documentary Food Inc. I'm ashamed to say that I haven't been paying attention to some of the issues in regards to our food and how it's produced. I left it in the hand of people that I thought would naturally do the right thing. Seems like more and more you can't trust anyone. Corporations like Monsanto are right up there with corruption that goes on with Wall street and the banking industry.

It was horrible to watch farmers being bullied by Monsanto. I don't feel good about these huge companies controlling our food and destroying the independent farmer along with the environment.

Increasingly I am making better choices in what my family and I eat because of the information I'm reading and hearing. I'm fortunate I don't have to eat the crap that is in our big chain grocery stores. I'm all to aware i'm part of a select group. It's all pretty disturbing, the secrecy that is behind the labels in the grocery store, the overproduction of corn and how it's in just about everything. How it's fed to cattle (and made out to be a good thing!) Corporations like Monsanto who control the seed production and the use of their chemicals farmers are forced to use or go out of business. It sickens me and I'm telling as many people as I can.

Please stop companies like Monsanto from monopolizing our food production and the lobbyists that control our government that enable them to do so.

We have to worry about our food and water in the United States of America, that's shameful. All for the sake of money and power for a few.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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