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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read a lot on both sides of the argument about the benefits/detriments of Monsanto's role in the global food system. Frankly, my objection is that it commercializes the basic components of our food and agricultural system. It takes seeds that were once cultures' biological heritages and replaces them with profit-making enterprises. Monsanto's weight in the market must be reduced and more room must be given to the preservation of local rights and agricultural systems. The size of the company gives it disproportionate weight and disproportionate ability to force something on populations that do not want it. Please keep Monsanto regulated. Keep its lobbyists from skewing our politicians perspectives. Keep its influence in check.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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