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

In particular I would like to bring up the spectre of Monsanto: a company that cannot control the contaminating impact of it's "patented" GMO pollens on the crops of farmers who do not want GMO's uncertainty in the purity of their crops, (and neither do I). And furthermore, in the height of hubris, their lawyers argue that these contaminated victims are the criminal! Asserting that the contaminated crops are "stolen" property of Monsanto. More accurately this is "lost", or irresponsibly, or negligently managed contamination.

I do not want the uncertainty of GMO substances in my foods, and I regularly seek out foods that I know to be natural, and of highest nutritional quality. With the ban on labelling GMO substances, I must work much harder to know my food is of high quality. I cannot buy many regularly marketed foods, which may be quite high quality, and must seek out organically labelled foods. There may be many good food providers that I cannot buy from, because of the obscuration of GMO labelling.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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