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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Monsanto is a company whom I do not trust. They are one of the companies chiefly responsible for the creation of agent orange that has caused birth defects and major health problems for US Veterans and Vietnamese people alike.

They have too much control over seeds in the US. I would prefer not to buy Monsanto's genetically altered food altogether but at the market, it's very difficult to get information of where the food is grown or what chemicals where used or if it's genetically modified.

Further, who can trust the government regulators who are often former corporate lobbyists themselves?

There are better solutions for food production that are more ecologically and economically sustainable for farmers, consumers and the environment than the way some corporations are doing business these days.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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