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I am writing because I am concerned about the hijacking of our food supply by enormous companies like Monsanto whose primary concern is profit, not quality of food or the effect of industrial agriculture - including monoculture and pesticide use - on the environment. I am concerned, too, about the hijacking of our seed supply and the potential for a strangle hold on the very source of our sustenance. I am a commercial, organic blueberry grower who also grows vegetables to feed a family. My neighbors and friends who are farmers are investing in the future of human health and environmental sustainability in organic CSA's and market gardens. We resent the clumsy and sometimes poisonous lack of respect for us and for the earth that is evident in Monsanto's goals and actions. We can feed more people better if we follow diversified, balanced agricultural practices which mix animals and plants in a way that best serves both. competition in agricultural markets.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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