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

Just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds. Not to mention what Monsanto does to farmers in India, South America and third world countries.

What's in our food, anyway? And why aren't there decent labels telling you where it grew, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified? I want to know if what i am about to purchase is genetically modified! I want to know in what country it was grown in! I want to know what pesticides are on my food! People should have the inherent right to know these things before they are about to ingest them or feed them to their children!!!

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards. The system is corrupt and very well on its way to becoming a Fascist state ruled by corporations. The American people have had enough of this garbage going on in DC. Your Department could be an integral part of stopping this march to Corporatism by standing up to them and forcing them to comply with regulation.

Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year. Most families today cannot afford for their food prices to get any higher. We are tired of being held hostage by the likes of Monsanto and big Agri-businesses. People on fixed incomes cannot afford this.

Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security must be phased out and replaced with sustainable methods. We are not only killing the planet, we are literally killing ourselves with chemicles, poisons and genetically modified organisms that have no business in plant/vegetable or animal hosts. This must stop!!!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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