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

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.

Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year.

Right now a handful of companies control most the food we eat. Decades of bad farm policy, unchecked market consolidation and undue corporate influence over science have left agribusiness giants with unprecedented power over our food system. Monsanto is the worst of the worst -- bad news for both farmers and consumers.

I feel such corporate control over our food supply is harmful to the environment, family farmers, and we the consumer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment
Sincerely,

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