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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Just one company, Monsanto, controls most of the seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds.

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

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

Food is grown in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security.

And what's in our food, anyway? And why aren't there labels saying what chemicals are in it, and if it's genetically modified?

In these tough economic times, with food so expensive and us not knowing what's in it, it's time to hold Monsanto accountable!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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