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Subject: Comments

Dear DOJ,

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

We need our food grown in an environmentally responsible manner that does not pollute our water, poison the soil and mar the future of our food. Where is the transparency on how our food is grown and what chemicals we are ingesting? Merely washing our fruits and vegetables is not enough. I am concerned about the health of my family, friends and our citizens... just because there are no short term affects to our bodies does not make a pesticide or herbicide safe. There are long term affects that we need to address and be aware of. What about the health of farmers and farm workers? Why are farmers being shut out and closed down because they are being bullied by these large corporate firms such as Monsanto? Unacceptable. Farmers should have more rights and not be forced to buy seeds from Monsanto (which are dependant on the use of Monsanto pesticides). We as a nation need to get back to the basics in growing our foods and use basic methods that have been handed down from generation to generation with an holistic approach and not douse our land with toxic chemicals and genetically altered seeds/plants.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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