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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.

I don't know what is in my food. There is no mandatory labeling telling me where it grew, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified?

I don't like the "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

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

Why is food allowed to be 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.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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