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

Why are there no regulations that require these companies to disclose the chemicals being used? Why are the same employees transferred back and forth between the government and the companies?

Why are the public not informed regarding the genetically modified seeds being used for food?

What studies have been done to prove these bioengineered products are safe for human consumption?

After reading and much research it is apparent that Monsanto controls much our seed supply and ultimately our food supply.

It is appalling the methods used to sue our small farmers simply because seed blows onto their land and germinates. I believe their goal is to put these small families out of business and ultimately control the world with them owning all the seed supply. As it stands now they own 75% of the seed supply in the world. They use methods to contaminate small farmers so they later can go back and claim infringement.

The small farmers need your help. They are continuing to bioengineer the seeds in order to patent them so others are not able to grow food of their own. These small farmers lack the means of fighting litigation and many have filed bankruptcy because they cannot afford to fight.

The rights of our farmers need to be protected and Monsanto needs to be stopped. Much like a monopoly of Microsoft...Monsanto is a monster in a different way...our food source.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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