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

It almost impossible to buy food that does not have some genetically engineered ingredient. Also wind-blown pollen from genetically engineered corn is contaminating organic crops making them unfit to eat.

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.

We need to support small farmers so we can buy wholesome locally-grown foods. Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year.

Please don't allow Monsanto or other big corporations to control what we can eat.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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