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I am writing because I am VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF COMPETITION IN AGRICULTURAL MARKETS.

Just one company, Monsanto, COMNTROLS THE MAJORITY OF 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 you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made RECORD PROFITS this year.

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

Is the Department of Justice tough enough & strong enough to stand up for the consumer and break up the food monopolies, put heavy fines on them for their pollution etc done by MONSANTO and others?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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