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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. In addition, I would like to know if the foods I am eating are genetically modified via food labeling, as we do not yet know the effects of genetically modified foods on human health or the environment. That these genes can be patented is horrifying and has much larger implications for corporate abuse.

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. It is no wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards and it turn the public suffers so corporations can have their profit. The thousands of tons of harmful or untested chemicals that are flushed into our water systems is also disturbing.

Please help the citizens of this great country have a voice and show us that people are more important than money! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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