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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. Prices are rising at the supermarket, but I've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year. The movie Food Inc. opened my eyes to the evils that Monsanto is conducting--taking away the illegal farmer helpers but not prosecuting the big corporations that bring these men and women in across the boarder in truckloads...the amount of pressure they put on struggling farmers who are trying to keep farming at its' original roots...it's appalling. 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. I want to see changes in the power shift and I want to see them now.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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