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

Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment and farm communities, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security. Farmers who try to do things right are offered little incentive to grow food that is healthy and from which they can make an honest living. Instead, huge subsidies prop up the GMO corn industry and support the dominance of "food products" that have caused epidemic public health crises in obesity and type II diabetes. We need food policies, and food producers, oriented towards nourishing families, communities, and the environment. Instead, Monsanto has cornered the market on seeds and systems that result in record corporate profits and few choices for American families.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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