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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. No only are Monsanto products such as seeds and chemicals altering agriculture as we know it by tainting heirloom, naturally selected seeds that farmers have saved for years to ensure next year's crop. Monsanto's seeds are GMOs that have been tested and found to harm animals, insects as well as farm workers.

I went to a talk given by Mayan elder/farmers from Guatemala last month. They had come to northern CA to plead with American citizens to stop Monsanto from giving seeds to farmers there who then must purchase the seeds every year from Monsanto along with agricultural chemicals. These are poor people who live on the land. To corrupt that connection to what they call their "Mother Corn" is beyond heinous. Monsanto is not helping them. It is taking away their livelihood and contaminating the plants of neighboring farms through drift.

I would be happy to share the contacts for this information with whoever is willing to publicize it and stop it.

Most of the world is made up of agrarian people. Chinese people are known as farmers of 40 centuries because they have used natural methods on their lots for 4000 years. I believe most of the suffering in the world is caused by people who can no longer work their land, either because it is taken away from them, or because they can't afford to because of the crazy Green Revolution where expensive chemicals and machinery bankrupt everyone, including American farmers.

GMO has not been proven to feed more people and there are unhealthful side effects. I can share scientists who write more eloquently about this than I can. Please, please help create health and peace in the world by protecting farmers from the monster Monsanto. They represent the very worst of corporate greed and do much harm. We can't afford the illwill that comes from association with their means.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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