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

Perks and funds go to support these giant firms that control most of the food. Monsanto being the biggest, and worst.

I follow food issues regularly. I will rarely eat out and certainly I do not frequent the chain grocery stores. I only purchase USDA approved organic products, and fresh food from my local organic farmers. Indeed, I choose to live where I do since these farmers are plentiful. I call them "doctor" because they are the first line of defense to keep me healthy.

Food is being grown in municipal and industrial waste. It is killing our soils, waters, and us. It is contaminating the air. It is sickening workers. It is effecting outbreaks of E coli and more. Luckily, some food companies refuse to buy food grown this way for their products.

GMO, irradiation, sludge grown food is making all of us sick. These methods are minimizing food nutrients. It starts in schools and causes childhood disorders. Served in medical and health centers, dead and polluted food does nothing to aide recovery.

We need an immediate and global overhaul. We need to eliminate the use of muni and industrial sludge, irradiation, GMO , pesticides and other food tinkering. Our soils must once again be made healthy and our food grown in healthy soil.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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