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

As one whose body deals daily with the impacts of exposure to pesticides and volatile organics, I am very concerned about how large chemical producers and agribusiness control global food markets and laws related to food production and distribution.

I notice when non-native species of plants and insects choke out native species and worry about genetically modified organisms making it impossible to grow bountiful, nutritious crops ever again. I worry for farmers that have the same concerns and have made a commitment to farm in ways that preserve the earth and build our health.

Please take the consult of sound science and listen to your consciences and constituents. Turn a deaf ear to lobbyists bought by large chemical companies and agribusinesses.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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