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

Just on company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, this is not healthy for our farming and this threatens farmers who do not buy seeds from Monsanto.

We need better labeling for our food... we need to know where our food is grown and what chemicals are used on it and if the food is genetically modified.

There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators, it's the fox guarding the hen house... this is not acceptable.

Prices in supermarkets are rising, corporations are making record profits but farmers are still struggling.

Food is grown in the worst possible way, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil and threaten our long-term food security.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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