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I am a farmer, family farmer. My wife and I have taken it upon ourselves to produce our own food for our family as a result of being disgusted by what passes for food in a "free market" i.e. a place where only lobbyists have the ear of our elected officials. Why have corporations been able to conceal the fact that they are using gmo's in our food when most americans, when polled, want to see that information on food labels? I could go on, and on and on. To what end I don't know, this email is probably a waste of time, but I have to try. One of my largest concerns is that corporations have been able to patent life itself, they go to seed banks and patent seed genetics, so they can "own" them. This and the fact that they have bought up all of the small seed companies to put an end to the availability of a diversity of seeds and sources makes them dangerous to any American who wants to grow food. Why do you allow this? Does government exist to facilitate this behavior? Ed Hoban.