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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year. I know of too many farmers struggling, it should not be that way in the United States.

Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security. This is major public health threat that is not given enough attention.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
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