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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. It is horrifying to find any company with absolute power over our food's integrity. because of the poisonous chemicals that they sell. But especially Monsanto who makes very toxic fertilizers and pesticides. This lack of competition makes it very difficult for farmers to purchase less toxic fertilizers and pest controls. I myself have known three people who had their pet dogs actually die from eating 'snail bait' that Monsanto makes. Very few people know about the poisons in these 'normal' pest control substances until they have an unfortunate experience and research this. Imagine if it can harm or kill babies and pets what it is constantly doing to our environment, the water we drink, our soil? This absolutely has to stop, and Monsanto is the biggest criminal in their absolute ruthless greed to control, while perpetuating such harm on very obvious levels....DO SOMETHING PLEASE!!!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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