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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. It is wrong and unfair that just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of the seeds in the United States, and then will threaten farmers who are not interested in buying their seeds.

I truly hate the fact that so much of our food supply, it seems, is genetically modified and loaded with chemicals. At every opportunity I try to buy locally, but what angers me is that while farmers are suffering and supermarket prices are rising, companies like Monsanto are only making the lives of farmers more difficult, and providing us as consumers very little choice in the way of buying truly healthy, chemical free and unaltered foods. It is wrong. Absolutely wrong.

Not to mention that the way food is grown and raised by Big Agriculture is absolutely terrible for the environment, using methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and ultimately it threatens our long term food security.

It is of the utmost importance that the Obama administration look deeply into the heart of Monsanto and the other companies that have held a choke-hold on the food industry for years, and to push back the power they obviously have had over both farmers and consumers such as myself. Their behavior has gone unchecked for years, and the time is NOW for that to come to an end, once and for all.

Give small farmers a chance to survive without the burden of food corporations breathing down their necks, and to give Americans the healthy, unmodified foods they deserve!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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