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I am writing because I am concerned about the lives of farmers in poor countries. The gap between rich and poor outrageously continues to grow. And giant agribusiness with their monopolistic control of markets are a bit part of the problem

Monsanto seeks to control the production of seeds- the lifeblood of farmers. Patenting heirloom and indigenous seeds amounts to theft. Monoculture destroys the traditional farming diversity and creates a disastrous potential for plant disease and blight destroying livelihood and lives.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,  
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