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I am writing because I am concerned both about the lack of competition in agricultural markets, and the contamination of food with genetically engineered material that has not been proven safe for human or animal consumption using accepted scientific methods.

I have struggled with allergens and autogens for over sixty years, and the fact that Monsanto in particular, but other companies also, have been allowed to dictate the composition of food, is an injustice. The fact that they have been heavily subsidized by congressional and departmental funding is also an injustice.

The health problems being faced by people worldwide is in large part a result of allowing corporations to define what is available, as well-as the commodification of food in the speculative market. I hope that your inquiry into Monsanto's policies and practices will shed more light on the problems that exist.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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