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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets. This lack of competition allows agribusiness to have an unprecedented amount of control over the food each of us needs to survive. It is unconscionable

that we, and especially our still forming children, are being given to eat substances that have not been tested to discover how they interact with our bodies or with the larger environment. It is hard to conceive how GMO seeds were allowed to be planted in such large numbers without any oversight, or how a product could be allowed on the market with a users' contract that forbids testing of that product. We all need to know what it is we are being asked to eat and feed to our children. In the absence of that, the products need to be labeled so we can decide for ourselves. This is not a decision corporations should be allowed to make for us.

Please reign in these companies whose absolute power has allowed countless mothers to unwittingly feed their families, not the life supporting nutrition they need, but instead

growth hormones, antibiotics, pesticides and totally unknown substances whose long term effect on us is clearly harmful.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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