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I am writing because I am concerned about the lack of competition in agricultural markets.

??? ? Just one company, Monsanto, controls the majority of seeds in the US, and regularly threatens farmers who don't buy its seeds.

??? ? What's in our food, anyway? And why aren't there decent labels telling you where it grew, what chemicals are on it, and if it's genetically modified?

??? ? There is a "revolving door" of personnel between corporate lobbyists and government regulators. No wonder corporations aren't held to strict standards.

??? ? Prices are rising at the supermarket, but you've heard that farmers are struggling -- and big food companies have made record profits this year.

??? ? Food is grown and raised in ways that are terrible for the environment, with methods that pollute the water, poison the soil, and threaten our long-term food security.

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??? \* The corporate control of the food system needs to be rolled back.

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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